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AND

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## THE INTRODUCTION.

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**A**LTHOUGH the Lady Mary ought immediately to have succeeded to the imperial crown of these realms after her brother King Edward's death (which happened on Thursday, July the 6th, at night) yet that king's conveyance thereof to the Lady Jane Grey, wife of the Lord Guildford Dudley, and the obligations of the privy counsellors, by their oaths and subscriptions, to stand by her, put some days' stop thereto; which our historians relate at large. I shall insert some select matters wherein they are silent, happening in this short reign, or Interregnum of Jane, a high-born, virtuous and learned lady; happy in all other respects, but most unhappy in this her advancement.

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Some stop  
to the Lady  
Mary's  
succession.

The days next following the departure of the king, things appeared propitious to her, and looked towards a fair assurance of her quiet succession. For though there were some in the countries where the Lady Mary was, appeared on her side, yet they were generally of the meaner and popular sort, few of the nobility or gentry joining with them, but rather op-

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The popular sort appear for her.

1553. posing them : whom, therefore, Jane and her court made no doubt of quelling, by the forces going against them under the conduct of the mighty Duke of Northumberland.

The day  
ensuing  
King Ed-  
ward's  
death, the  
lord admi-  
ral made  
constable  
of the  
Tower.

And, to strengthen her interest, as it was supposed, there came to the Tower three great lords the day next ensuing the king's death, that is to say, the lord treasurer, the Earl of Shrewsbury, and the lord admiral (in whom, it seems, the Duke of Northumberland reposed a confidence) with some others. And there they discharged Sir James Croft of the constableness of the Tower, to whom it had been lately committed, and put in the said lord admiral, who had been by mouth before appointed to the said place by King Edward; and he accordingly took the oath, and the charge of the Tower. And, the morrow after, he conveyed into all places of the Tower great guns, and into other convenient places within the Tower; as above upon the White Tower.

The offi-  
cers sworn  
to Queen  
Jane.

On the 9th day of July, were sworn unto Queen Jane, at Greenwich, all the head-officers, and the guard, as Queen of England.

She enters  
the Tower.

On the day following she publickly took upon her the royal state and government of the kingdom; and, in order to that, made her entry into the Tower that day, between four and five of the clock in the afternoon, with a great company of lords and nobles, the Duchess of Suffolk, her mother, bearing up her train, with many great ladies, and such a volley-shot of guns and chambers, as had rarely been heard before.

Proclaim-  
ed.

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And by six of the clock she set forth her proclamation (which is exemplified in the late History of the Reformation, by Bishop Burnet) to declare her title to the people, and to require their allegiance; and therein it was asserted, that the Lady Mary was unlawfully begotten. It was performed by two heralds, and a trumpet blowing, in Cheapside first, and then in Fleet-street. Nor did there seem now any opposition to be made, or so much as murmuring against this proclamation; unless that a young man, a vint-

ner's apprentice, had the boldness to speak certain words of Queen Mary's true right and title; for which he was immediately taken up, and the next day, at eight of the clock in the morning, set on the pillory, and both his ears cut off, an herald present, and trumpet blowing; and incontinently he was taken down, and carried to the Counter. 1555.

And, to keep the counties secure to her against the Lady Mary, the same 10th day she confirmed the respective lords lieutenants in the same authority they were invested with before by commission from King Edward. And so I find a letter, dated this 10th of July, from the Tower, signed on the top by JANE, the Queen, written to the Marquis of Northampton, who was Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Northampton, Bedford, and Berks; wherein she intimated, "How the late king, for the security and wealth of the realm, had established certain ordinances, by virtue whereof she was entred into the possession of the kingdom (which she styled her rightful possession) as might more evidently appear, as she added, by the wil of her cosin, the late king, and several other instructions to that effect, signed with his own hand, and sealed with his great seal, in his own presence; whereunto the nobles of the realm, for the most part, and all the council and judges, with the maior and aldermen of the city of London, aud divers other grave personages, subscribed their names. She let him understand, therefore, that by the ordinance and sufferance of the heavenly Lord, and by the consent and assent of the said nobles, counsellors, and others, she made her entrance that day into the Tower, as rightful Queen of England; and she expected that he should, in all things, to the utmost of his power, endeavour to defend her just title, and to assist her in the possession of her kingdom, and to disturb, repel and resist, the fained and untrue claim of the Lady Mary, bastard-daughter to her great uncle, King Henry VIIIth: which she would remember to the benefit of him and his. And her further pleasure

Confirms  
the lords  
lieutenants

Writes to  
the Mar-  
quis of  
Northamp-  
ton.

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1553. was, to continue him to do and execute every thing as her lieutenant, within all places, according to the tenor of the commission addrest unto him from her cousin, the late king; which commission she intended shortly to renew and confirm under the greal seal." This letter was indited by the Duke of Northumberland, as appears by the minutes thereof, which I have seen under that duke's own hand.

Ammuni-  
tion fetch-  
ed from  
the Tower.

On the 12th of July, by night, came three carts to the Tower, and carried thence all manner of ordnance, as great guns and small, bows, bills, spears, morice-pikes, arms, arrows, gunpowder, victuals, many tents, gun-stones, &c. and a great number of men of arms accompanied; all for the use of the army sent towards Cambridge. And two days after followed the duke, and divers lords and knights, and many gentlemen and gunners, and many of the guards and men of arms; and with this company he marched towards Bury, against the Lady Mary. But all proved against himself; for his men forsook him.

Two Paul's-  
Cross ser-  
mons.

There were but two Paul's-Cross sermons preached during the Lady Jane's government, lasting but two Lord's-days: the former was delivered July 9, by Ridley, Bishop of London, by order of the council. He told his auditory of the danger the nation would have been in, had the Lady Mary succeeded, who was a stiff papist; of which himself had former experience, when, being once in his diocese, he had endeavoured to bring her to the knowledge of the gospel. That therefore, were she queen, it must be expected, she would overturn all the religion so happily established under King Edward, and would betray the kingdom to a foreign power. This sermon rose up in judgment against him soon after. The next Sunday, being July 16, was supplied by Mr. Rogers, the learned reader of St. Paul's, who was more wary, preaching only upon the gospel of the day: but both burnt after, when she got the crown.

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On the same 16th day, in the morning, some, to shew their good-will to the Lady Mary, ventured to

fasten up upon Queenhithe church-wall, a writing in way of a declaration, importing, that the Lady Mary was proclaimed in every country Queen of England, France and Ireland (being an officious lie to do her service) and likewise treating of divers matters relating to the present state of affairs.

1553.  
A paper in favour of Q. Mary fastened at Queenhithe.

The first things this new queen and her privy-council did, were these that follow. The council addressed their letters to the Lady Mary, advising her to make no disturbance, but to be quiet. To which, nevertheless she gave little heed. And because the emperor's ambassadors would be very apt to bestir themselves for their master's kinswoman, and did begin already to intermeddle, the council sent the Lord Cobham and Sir John Mason to them, to give them notice of the Lady Mary's proceedings against the state of the realm, and to put them in remembrance of the nature of their office; which was, not to meddle in these causes of polity, neither directly nor indirectly: and so to charge them to use themselves, as they gave no occasion of unkindness to be ministered unto them, whereof they would be most sorry; for the amity which, on their parts, as they sent them word, they meant to conserve and maintain with the emperor.

Q. Jane's council advise the Lady Mary to be quiet.

Now did Queen Jane (for so let me call her for a few days) dispatch her letters and messengers to foreign princes, signifying her title and possession of the crown; and her instructions to the English ambassadors at their courts for their respective behaviours.

She sends to foreign princes; and to the ambassadors at their courts

At the emperor's court at Brussels now were Sir Philip Hoby, Sir Richard Morison, and the Bishop of Norwich, that had been appointed commissioners by the late king, for mediating a peace between the said emperor and the French king. To them letters were sent from the council, dated July the 8th and 9th, informing them of the heavy news of the king's death, with the disease that took him away, namely, the putrefaction of his lungs; and willing them to

1553. declare the same to the emperor, not doubting that he would remember the antient amity between the two crowns; and to assure him that nothing should be wanting in them to continue and maintain the same. July 11, was dispatched to the emperor one Shelley, with the council's letters to the ambassadors there, and Queen Jane's to the emperor; in which letters of the council they styled her, *Our Sovereign Lady*.

Shelley  
dispatched  
to the em-  
peror.

The coun-  
cil's orders  
to the am-  
bassadors  
there.

The state  
of things  
at home.

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The import of the council's said letters to the ambassadors, was, to shew the cause of the present message, and what was then to be done by them: namely, first, to signify to the emperor the king's death; next, the possession of Queen Jane in the crown of this realm; thirdly, that Sir Philip Hoby was placed there as ambassador resident; fourthly, to make offer to the emperor of both the other ambassadors remaining there, as they had done before, to proceed in the treaty of the peace, if it should like the emperor. By this letter they informed the ambassadors of the state of things at home, viz. "That although the Lady Mary (for no other title they bestowed upon her yet) had been writ unto from them to remain quiet; yet, nevertheless, they saw her not so to weigh the matter, but that, if she might, she would disturb the state of the realm; having thereunto as yet no manner of appearance of help or comfort, but only the concurrence of a few leud, base people; al other the nobility and gentlemen remaining in their duties to their sovereign lady, Queen Jane. And yet, nevertheless, because the conditions of the baser sort of people were known to be unruly, if they were not governed and kept in order, therefore, for the meeting with al events, the Duke of Northumberland's grace, accompanied with the Lord Marques of Northampton, had proceded with a convenient power into the parts of Norfolk, to keep those countries in stay and obedience."

Queen Jane  
writes to  
them.

A letter also from Queen Jane, dated July 12, was brought to the said ambassadors, wherein she de-



clared at large her intentions: where her title is set out to the best advantage, the better to instruct the ambassadors in their address to the emperor upon her access to the throne, which would not be very acceptable unto him. The letter, in my judgment, ought not to be epitomized or curtailed, but for the material contents thereof to be delivered to the reader at length; which was in these words: 1553.

“ Trusty and welbeloved, We greet ye wel. It hath so pleased God of his providence, by calling of our most dread cousin of famous memory, King Edward VI. out of this life, to our very natural sorrow, that we, both by our said cousin’s lawful determination in his life-time, with the assent of the nobility and states of this our realm, and also as the lawful heir and successor in the whole bloud royal, are possessed of this our realm of England and Ireland: wherefore, we have presently sent to our good brother, the emperor, this present bearer here, our trusty servant, Mr. Richard Shelley, with letters of recommendations and credence from us; thereby signifying unto him, as wel the sorrowful death of our said cousin the king, as also our succession in the crown of this realm; motioning unto our said good brother the continuance in such amity and league, as our said cousin and predecessor had with him. For which purpose we have furthermore signified, by our said letters, not only our order, that you, Sir Philip Hoby, shall there remain and reside with our good brother the emperor, as our ambassador resident; praying you to give him credit appertaining to such an office; but also, that for the like zeale and desire we have to the weal of Christendom, as our said cousin King Edward had, wherein we do covet to follow his steps, we have given order, that ye, the whole number of our ambassadors, shall remain, to continue to procede in the former commission which ye had from our auncester the king, if it shal please our said good brother. The copy of which our letters we send to you herewith, for your more ample understanding

Her letter.  
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1553. of our determination, which, considered and pondered;  
we would ye made your most speedy acces to our  
said good brother, in order to execute the matters  
contained in the said letters, on your parts to be de-  
clared : first, the signification of the death of our  
p. 6. said auncester and cousin, the king ; wherof as we  
by nature must take great grief, so we doubt not but  
our said good brother wil, for friendship and great  
amity, sorrow and condole with us ; next, that you,  
Sir Philip Hoby, have expres order there to reside,  
and attend upon our good brother as our minister,  
for the continuance and entertainment of the intelli-  
gence, and firm amity, heretofore had and concluded  
between our said auncester and cousin the king, and  
our said good brother ; the maintenance wherof we,  
with the assent of our nobility and council, do much  
desire, and for our parts will not fail, but confirm and  
maintain the same.

“ In the end you shal shew to our said good brother, that as we do, by God’s providence, succede to our said auncester and cousin, King Edward, in this our crown and dominion, so do we find in our heart and mind the very descent and inheritance of his most Christian devotion and affection to the commonwealth of Christendom : which moveth us, with the advice of our nobility and council, to offer to our said good brother the ministry and office of you, our ambassadors, to remain there, and procede in the former commission, for the conciliation of some good peace between our said good brother and the French king ; wherin we refer our good purpose and meaning to the mind and contentation of our said good brother.

“ Thus don, whatsoever our good brother shal answer, ye may thereunto reply as ye think expedient, tending to the continuance of our auncester’s amity. For the rest of the procedings ye shall understand by the bearers, to whom we would ye should give credit. Yeven under our signet at our Tower of London, the xii. of July, 1553.”

On the 15th day of July, the forementioned letters from England being as yet not come to hand, while Hoby and Morison were walking together in their host's garden, Don Diego, one of the emperor's servants, came to them, and entered into a long talk, how much he was bound to owe his good-will and service to England; and therefore, that he could not but, at one time, both sorrow with them for the loss of their old master, a prince of such virtue and towardness, and also rejoice with them, that their master, which was departed, had, ere he went, provided them of a king (meaning, as it seems, Queen Jane's husband, the Lord Guilford Dudley), in whom they had so much cause to rejoice. He made his excuse, that he had not come to them the day before, laying the stay thereof in D'Arras: to whom, when he said, that he would go to the English ambassadors, and shew himself a partaker both of their sorrow and gladness, and offer to the king's majesty by them both as much service as could lie in him, and as much as his friends and kinsmen were able to do, in case the said D'Arras did think such his offer could not offend the emperor his master; he advised him, that he should for a season defer his going to them. Which he told them now, that as he did somewhat against his will, so was he then very glad that he so did: for D'Arras now told him, that he might come to them, and sorrow with them, and rejoice with them, and make all the offers he could to the king's majesty; for he should not only not offend him in so doing, but should much please his majesty therewith. And therefore, said Diego to the ambassadors, as he was sorry that they lost so good a king, so he did much rejoice that they had so noble and so toward a prince to succeed him; and promised them, by the word of a gentleman, that he would at all times serve his highness himself, and as many as he should be able to bring with him, if the emperor called him to serve him.

1553.  
The am-  
bassadors  
visited by  
Don Diego.

His kind  
speech to  
them.

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The ambassadors told him, they had received the sorrowful news, but the glad tidings were not, as yet,

Their an-  
swer to  
him.



1553. come unto them by any letters; that they were glad to hear thus much, and wished they were able to tell him how all things went at home. He answered, he could tell them thus much, that the king's majesty, for the discharge of his conscience, wrote a good piece of his testament with his own hand, barring both his sisters of the crown, and leaving it to the Lady Jane, niece (he means grand-daughter) to the French queen. Whether the two daughters were bastards or no, or why it was done, they, he said, that were strangers, had nothing to do with the matter; but they, the ambassadors, were bound to obey and serve his majesty; and that, therefore, it was reason they should take him for their king, which the nobles of the country had, with their consent, allowed for their king. He added, that he, for his part, of all others, was bound to be glad that his majesty was set in that office; for he (Diego) was his godfather, and would as willingly spend his blood in his service as any subject that he had, as long as he should see the emperor his master so willing to embrace his majesty's amity.

He relates to them the news of the succession.

Don Francisco's address to the ambassadors.

And Don Francisco D'Est, general of all the foot Italians, who was newly gone to his charge in Milain, at his departure made the like offer, as long as his master and theirs should be friends, which he trusted should be ever; and prayed the ambassadors, at their return, to utter it to the king's majesty. And this was all the concern now that the nobles at the emperor's court had for the Lady Mary, being resolved to make a fair compliment to the English court; though the emperor must needs have been in no such indifferency for his cousin.

The ambassadors have audience of the emperor.

It was not before the 16th day of July the ambassadors waited upon the emperor, and declared their heavy and sorrowful news. After which they set forth the lords' good-wills, and readiness at all times, to observe and maintain the amities which had been always between the realm of England, and those of Burgundy and other the emperor's dominions. For answer whereunto the emperor said, "That he was

right sorry, for his part, for those heavy news, whereby he perceived the loss of such a brother, and so good a friend both to him and his countries ; and, considering that he was of such a great towardness, and of such a hope to do good, and to be a stay to Christendom, his loss was so much the greater ; and used, in this behalf, many good words to his commendation, and declaration of his grief for his death. And, touching the amity which had been between him and his late good brother, their countries and subjects, as he always had a good-will to the observance of the same, according to such treaties as had been between them ; so now understanding by them, the ambassadors, the lords of the council's good inclination and minds to entertain and observe this amity for correspondence he had at that present, and should have like good-will to keep and continue the same." He thanked them also for making him understand their good-will therein, with compliment of many other good words to this purpose. This answer of the emperor the ambassadors signified the next day, viz. July 17, by letters to the lords, telling them, that, as far as they could perceive by the emperor's words, he minded assuredly to keep amity with them ; yet, to decipher him better herein, they judged it not amiss, in their opinions, if their lordships should feel him, either with some new league, or, to tempt him, what he would say to the old, or by some other means, as their wisdoms could better devise ; for it was, in effect, taken for granted, that the emperor would be not well pleased, when he should be informed that the Lady Mary should be put by the crown.

1553.  
The emperor's words to them.

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Their relation thereof in their letters to the council.

Shelley, before spoken of, being now arrived at the emperor's court, seemed to make no haste of the delivery of his letters from Queen Jane and the council to him ; waiting to see the issue and success of the contests in England, between her party and that of the Lady Mary ; which latter soon prevailing, he delivered not his letters at all. Nor did the three ambassadors make any repair to the emperor on Queen

Upon Mary's access to the throne, Shelley returns ;

1553. Jane's account, whereof they had their instructions, mentioned before.

With letters from the ambassadors.

But when the news fled thither of Queen Mary's possessing of the kingdom, Shelley returned, and brought with him a short letter to the lords from the ambassadors at that court, importing, "That since it had pleased God to call my Lady Mary her grace to the state and possession of the realm, according to the king's majesty her father's last will, and the laws of the realm, they being there in great discouragement, for that they could not know the certainty of these so great and weighty matters, but by the report of them there, (for from July 12 hitherto, they had not a word sent them till August 5, when Queen Mary was surely settled) did humbly beseech their lordships, that they might not only be advertised of the same, but also, that they might know her majesty's pleasure, what they should do: whereunto they should conform themselves most willingly, as they wrote, according to their most bounden duties." This bore date July 29.

But now let us turn our eyes more directly to the history of Queen Mary, and consider the first attempts she made to invest herself in her just possessions,

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## CHAP. I.

Queen Mary's access to the crown. How the people stood affected to her. Proclaimed. Many taken up, and sent to the Tower. King Edward's funerals.

The Lady Mary writes to her friends for aid; viz.

UPON the tidings of her brother's departure into a better world, the Lady Mary thought it worth bestirring herself for her crowns, that were now fallen to her. To all her friends therefore, and such as were of interest, she wrote letters, to recognize and own her for their sovereign, and to assist her in the instating of herself in the kingdom. And being at her manor of Kenningale in Norfolk, she began to



prepare for action, and to gather to herself what countenance and strength she could from the gentry of those parts. On the 8th of July she wrote to Sir George Somerset, Sir William Drury, Sir William Waldgrave, Knts. and Clement Higham, Esq. signifying unto them the king's death, and thereby her right to the crown; requiring them to obey no commandment to be issued out upon any pretence or gloss of the deceased king's authority, being bound now to be true liegemen to her only: and lastly, charging them, in all haste possible, to prepare and put themselves in order to repair to her at Kenningale; where, at their coming, they should know further of her pleasure. 1555.

To Somerset, Drury, Waldgrave, Higham.

The next day, viz. July 9 (the very day the Lady Jane was proclaimed queen) she wrote another letter from Kenningale to Sir Edward Hastings, the Earl of Huntingdon's brother, and a zealous papist. Therein "she asserted her right to inherit, both by parliament and her father's will: and gave him to understand, that he was obliged no longer to observe or execute any command heretofore, or hereafter to be, addressed to him, from or in the name, or by colour of authority, of the late King Edward. She required him to have a diligent regard to her honour, and the surety of her person, in the counties of Middlesex and Bucks, where he dwelt: and charged him, that he should not stir in any forcible array by the command of any, except of herself only, unless in case of any attempts to her prejudice: and, to the best of his power, to prepare himself to serve her at her command. And this letter should be his warrant and discharge." Thus she wrote, without taking any notice at all of King Edward's late will, or the pretences of the Lady Jane, throughout her letter; which, if the reader please, he may read at length in the Catalogue of Records, at the beginning of the seventh volume. To the same purport with this did her letters, I suppose, to other noblemen and gentlemen run. No. I.

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Certain it is, such a considerable head of men in a short time had got together in Buckinghamshire, by Sir Edward Hastings's means, and some other of the Lady Mary's friends in those parts, that they became very formidable to the ruling side. And great consultation was had to send strong forces thither. On the 18th day a letter was sent from Jane to Sir John, St. Lowe, and Sir Anthony Kingstone, Knights, signed "JANE, the Quene;" therein asserting her lawful possession of the crown, by the free consent of the nobility, and the other states of the realm. Requiring them, therefore, to raise all the power they could of horse and foot round about them (yet excepting the tenants and servants of the Earls of Arundel and Pembroke) and, with the same, to repair to the said shire, to repress and subdue certain tumults and rebellions moved there against her and her crown. And the like orders she sent to divers other gentlemen, whom she looked upon to be true to her. She aggravated to them, how these, that now appeared in hostility, sought the destruction of their native country, and the subversion of all men in their degrees, being a *base multitude*, as she styled them, stirred in rage: which, as by former experience it had been proved, must needs be the confusion of the whole commonwealth. Wherefore, she trusted in their courage, wisdom and fidelities, to undertake this enterprize, as by the nobility and council should be prescribed them. And to bear their charges, she shewed them, that she had directed her council to take order for their satisfaction; which her said council, for that purpose, sent their letters also to them. And, finally, she seemed not to doubt of their success: and that upon their very access to the place where these seditions were got together, they would soon faint and despair, or receive their punishments. This letter being an original, may not be improper to be preserved. See

No. II. the Catalogue.

Mary had retired, upon the king's death, into the

parts of Suffolk and Norfolk; there making what strength she could to seat herself on the throne, and to oppose the army that was sent against her, headed by the Duke of Northumberland, father-in-law to the Lady Jane, now set up for queen. The two great counties aforesaid afforded many that gathered themselves together, and took up arms to aid Queen Mary. For though the people of Suffolk and Norfolk were generally professors and favourers of the gospel; yet, the consideration that she was established by the king her father, and the parliament, to be successor to her brother, and heir to the crown after him; and their knowledge from the word of God, that obedience was therefore due to her, made them vigorously assist her with their lives. And so they professed in the *supplication* they put up afterwards to her commissioners: “ We protest before God, we think if the holy word of God had not taken some root among us, we could not in time past have done that poor duty of ours, which was done in assisting the queen, our most dear sovereign, against her grace’s mortal foe, that then sought her destruction. It was our bounden duty; and we thank God for the knowledge of his word and grace, that we then did some part of our bounden service.” Thus they. So that it was neither the popish interest, nor the people’s zeal for papal religion, that placed the queen upon the throne, as Parsons most falsely speaks in one of his books, where he hath these words: “ The only zeale of the common catholic people for recovering the use of catholic religion again, overthrew all, and placed Queen Mary, as is notorious to the world.” Whereas it is notorious to the world, that they were Protestants chiefly that placed her in her kingdom; and the consideration of her religion did but little advance her designs. For at this time the interest of the papists was but little; and the people generally was earnestly disposed to, and highly pleased with King Edward’s reformation.

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She is  
aided by  
protest-  
ants.

And why.

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Three Con-  
versions,  
Part I.  
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for the  
Lady Jane:  
and why.

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Some  
thought a  
woman's  
govern-  
ment un-  
lawful.

So that the generality of the protestants did readily receive Mary to be their sovereign: yet many others there were for the Lady Jane rather, because she was one who would have maintained the good religion settled by King Edward. Some of these were Ridley, Bishop of London, Sir John Cheeke, Dr. Sandys, Vice-chancellor of Cambridge. There was yet a third sort, that held all government by women unlawful; especially, if they were idolaters. These spake of two notes set down in scripture to know, whether a prince be chosen of God, or no: and those notes given by God to Israel. "The one was, if he were a man that had the fear of God before his eyes, and zealously stood to set forth the same. For this cause God willed, that he should be chosen from among his brethren, and be no stranger; because such had not the fear of God. And therefore they inferred, it was manifest he was not chosen by God that was such an one: nor, as they went on, ought he to be anointed or elected the people's king or governor, what right or title soever he seemed to have thereunto by civil policy; except he be a promoter and setter-forth of God's law and glory: for which cause chiefly this office was ordained."

The second rule was, "That he should be one of his brethren, meaning of the Israelites: partly, to exclude the oppression and idolatry which would come in by strangers; and partly, for that strangers could not bear such a natural zeale to strange realms and people, as became brethren; but chiefly, to avoid that monster in nature, and disorder among men, which was the empire and government of a woman; saying expressly, 'From the middle of thy brethren shalt thou choose thee a king: and not, 'from among thy sisters.' For God is not contrary to himself, which at the beginning appointed the woman to be in subjection to her husband, and the man to be the head of the woman, as saith the apostle: who would not permit the woman so much as to speak in the assembly of men, much less to be

a ruler of a realm or nation. If women be not permitted by civil policies to rule in inferior offices, to be counsellors, peers of a realm, justices, sheriffs, bayliffs, and such like, I make yourselves judges (saith this author) whether it be meet for them to govern whole realms and nations." These were the fancies of some, though but few, and they John Knox's disciples; whose conceit in this point chiefly sprung, I presume, from the fears they apprehended of the severity of the Lady Mary's government; and of her marrying a foreigner.

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But the papists, on the other hand, did now especially, as they had not ceased to do before (to bear her up in the esteem of the people) highly extol her. They bruited much abroad, in all companies, her sobriety, her mercy, and the love she had to the commonwealth of this kingdom. They called her "A Miroir" for these virtues. They delighted to style her "Mary the Virgin," nay, blasphemously, "The most blessed Virgin."

The papists  
extol the  
Lady Mary

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Now, while all was in confusion and disturbance, every one running to arms, as he stood affected either to Jane or Mary (and the realm seemed generally to verge towards the latter) great were the fears and anxieties that possessed the hearts of the best men, and such as loved King Edward's reformation. For they were very apprehensive, that the good religion and pious orders established in his reign were going to wreck. They dreaded Mary's marriage with some popish foreigner; and they foresaw, how she, being so nearly related to the emperor, that professed enemy of Reformation, would take her measures of rule and government by his influence and direction. The faithful preachers very painfully, in their several places, set before the people their imminent danger, and shewed them, that this judgment of the loss of their excellent king, was come upon them for their unprofitableness under those opportunities of grace and spiritual knowledge they enjoyed under him; and that this was the effect of God's angry hand. They

The fears  
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preachers'  
discourses.

1553. exhorted them much to stedfastness, and by no means to comply with the popish superstitions, that were now ready to break in upon them: which, if they did, they assured them, utter destruction was at hand: otherwise, that there was a door open, after some sorrowful days, for their deliverance.

Knox  
preaches at  
Amersham.

His book  
intituled,  
"A Faith-  
ful Admo-  
nition."

Knox, the Scotchman, who was one of the chief preachers of the nation then, at this time, and for some time before, preached in Buckinghamshire: and just while the great tumult was in England, and Sir Edward Hastings, Sir Edmund Peckham, and others, were busy in that county raising forces, he preached at Amersham before a great assembly: where, with sorrowful heart and weeping eyes (as he tells us of himself) he fell into this exclamation: "O! England, now is God's wrath kindled against thee; now hath he begun to punish, as he hath threatned a long while by his true prophets and messengers. He hath taken from thee the crown of thy glory, and hath left thee without honour, as a body without a head. And this appeareth to be only the beginning of sorrows; which appear to encrease. For I perceive that the heart, the tongue and hand of one Englishman is bent against another, and division to be in the whole realm; which is an assured sign of desolation to come. O! England, England, dost thou not consider, that thy commonwealth is like a ship sailing on the sea? If thy mariners and governors shall one consume another, shalt thou not suffer shipwrack in short process of time? O! England, England, alas! these plagues are poured upon thee, for that thou wouldest not know the most happy time of thy gentle visitation. But wilt thou yet obey the voice of thy God, and submit thyself to his holy word? Truly, if thou wilt, thou shalt find mercy in his sight, and the state of thy commonweal shall be preserved. But, O! England, England, if thou obstinately wilt return into Egypt, that is, if thou contract marriage, confederacy or league with such princes as do maintain and advance idolatry, such as the em-



peror, which is no less enemy unto Christ, than ever was Nero : if for the plesure and friendship of such princes, I say, thou return to thine old abominations before used under papistry ; then, assuredly, O ! England, thou shalt be plagued and brought to desolation, by the means of those whose favour thou seekest, and by whom thou art procured to fal from Christ, and to serve antichrist." These were the lessons now inculcated upon the people. 1553.

MARY, therefore, the only child surviving of Queen Katharine of Spain, King Henry's first wife, succeeded Queen of England ; one very much addicted to the pope and papal superstitions. She, or rather some of her friends in London for her, on the 19th day of July, that is, thirteen days after King Edward's death, issued out a proclamation, intitling herself, " Supreme Head of the Churches of England and Ireland," signifying to her loving subjects, " That she took upon her the crown imperial of the realms of England and Ireland, and title of France : and that she was in lawful and just possession of the same : assuring them, that in reputing and taking her for their natural liege sovereign lady and queen, they should find her their benign and gracious lady, as others her most noble progenitors had been." But Grafton, the printer of this proclamation, found her not so ; soon after turning him out of his place of printing state-papers (which he seems to have had by letters patents from King Edward, or his father) and constituting John Cawood her printer, in his room. And this, no question, because Grafton was a protestant, and had printed the Bible in English, and the public books of religion in the former reign : nor was this all the hard measure he found ; for the next month he was clapt up in prison. MARY proclaimed queen. Grafton, the printer.

She was proclaimed between five and six of the clock in the afternoon, by four trumpeters and three heralds of arms. There were present the Earls of Arundel, Shrewsbury, Pembroke, also the Lord Treasurer, Lord Privy Seal, Lord Cobham, Lord Warden The proclamation attended with much splendor and joy.

1553. of the Cinque Ports, Sir John Mason, the Lord Mayor, and divers other noblemen. This proclamation was published at the Cross in Cheap: from whence they went unto St. Paul's; and there was sung *Te Deum laudamus*, with songs and the organs playing. All the bells throughout London rung; every street, enliterated with bonfires, and everywhere tables set out furnished with beer and wine for all comers; and much money thrown about: by which significations the people shewed their complacency in the right legal heir's succession.

Northumberland seized.

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The Duke of Northumberland, who was departed a few days ago with a force against the queen, to establish his daughter-in-law (who, by his means, was seated upon the throne) thought he had secured all at home: but the nobles, as soon as he was gone, and some of them his confidents, turned about for Mary: and on the 21st of July, the Duke being then in Cambridge, was seized as a traitor, with divers lords and knights in his company: and on the same day was Queen Mary proclaimed in the same town; and so throughout all England. And thus, on a sudden, all that fine-spun, laboured artifice of constituting a new queen, contrary to a law in force, came to nothing, and brought ruin upon the contrivers.

One pillorized.

And as one had been pillorized for speaking some words for Queen Mary, on the 11th of this month, so, on the 29th of the same, a fellow was set on the pillory for speaking somewhat against her.

Lady Elizabeth comes to London.

Cott. Libr. Vitellius, F. 5.

The same day the Lady Elizabeth came out of the country, to be ready to congratulate her sister, and now her sovereign: riding through London, along Fleet-street, and so to the Duke of Somerset's Place, which now belonged unto her: being attended, saith the MS. with 2000 horse, with spears and bows, and guns, and other weapons. Among the rest in her retinue, were Sir John Williams, Sir John Bridges (both of them afterwards made noble), Mr. Chamberlain, all in green, garded either with white velvet, satin, taffeta, and cloth, according to their qualities.

The queen's pieces on the French shore soon complied, and followed the example of England, excepting that the Lord Gray of Wilton, chief captain of Guisnes, had stood with Jane's party against the queen: for he went along with the Duke of Northumberland. Notwithstanding, Sir Richard Windebank, deputy of Guisnes, William Sparrow, chief constable, and Walter Vaughan, chief porter, and other officers there, proclaimed Queen Mary, by the four or five and twentieth day of July: which, by their letters, dated July 25, they took care to signify to the queen: and withal, as though they had done no otherwise than the Lord Gray, their chief, would have approved of, they mentioned in their said letter, their experience of his honour, fidelity and service toward the crown of England; and, therefore concluding the rumours that went of him, of his being in arms against the queen's person, to be false. They promised her to hold that piece for her service, and in her right and title, until she should otherwise declare her pleasure. Sir Anthony Aucher, high marshal of Calais, had lately been appointed (perhaps by Northumberland and his party) to go to Guisnes, for the better aid and security of that place: but these officers would not admit him, nor any other person to bear rule there, until they had received instructions from her majesty. Henry Dudley, a relation and creature of the duke, and in with him, had, with four servants and certain letters, escaped, and got hither to Guisnes; him these officers detained, seizing his men and letters; which they sent by a special messenger to the queen, keeping him in sure custody till her pleasure were further known. All this they declared to her in their letter, protesting their steadfast loyalty and obedience. Which letter may be seen in the Catalogue. Dudley was soon after conveyed to Calais, and so to England.

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The queen  
proclaimed  
at Guisnes.

Numb.III.

As soon as these confusions were appeased, and arms laid down, and Mary acknowledged queen, Dr. Walter Haddon, that excellent poet as well as orator,

Dr. Haddon congratulates the queen in verse,



1553. congratulated her with a copy of verses : which were so well taken, that, I conjecture, to this it was, that  
 p. 15. his peace and safety under her reign must be attributed, being himself a good protestant. In these verses he acknowledged it the singular mercy of God to England, that the war was so happily ended, and the storm so well ceased. He set out elegantly, the sad condition the kingdom was newly recovered out of, occasioned by the ambition of ruling, which some had been lately affected with : how the council were divided among themselves, the nobility raged, the commons murmured, as they stood affected ; routs and disturbances every where ; thus described by him ;

*Cum ratione furor pugnât, cum jure libido,  
 Vis trahit invitos, armis terretur honestas,  
 Officium pavor, et verum violentia frangit.  
 O ! tenebras regni spissas ! O ! tempora dura !*

His counsel to her therein.

But that after this, God looked down, and pitied the nation, quelled the wars, checked the commotions, restored joyful peace, calmed the minds of the people, and united their jarring spirits, by the setting Mary upon her throne. And then the poet addresseth himself to her with divers good monitories, and seasonable counsels ; but tenderly and inoffensively propounded, viz. that she would assist towards the repairing the broken condition of the state ; that as she was the heir of her brother's kingdom, so she would be of his piety ; that she would preserve justice, spare the humble, crush the proud, honour virtue and learning, defend her good subjects, punish slander, and love her people, that she might be loved again by them : to remember, that the king her brother was taken off by death, and that though she, his sister, was a queen, yet she must die too. And, lastly, he concludes his poem with invocation to the Deity, that the God who had placed her on the throne of her ancestors, would imbue her heart with divine dispositions, always to lift up her eyes to him ; and that the whole community might live in love and

peace, and serve God in concord. But he that will have the elegancy and spirit of the poem, must read it as it fell from Haddon's own pen; which hath inclined me to lay it in the Catalogue. 1553.

Numb. IV.

Now were many of Queen Jane's friends, and Northumberland's creatures, made prisoners; and July 25, being St. James's Day, these persons following were brought from Cambridge to London, and so to the Tower; first, Dr. Sandys, priest, who had preached at Cambridge in favour of Queen Jane's title; next him, Sir Thomas Palmer, Sir Henry Gates, Sir John Gates, captain of the guards to King Edward; Sir Andrew Dudley, the Duke of Northumberland's brother; the Lord Henry Dudley, Lord Ambrose Dudley, John Earl of Warwick, the said duke's three sons; the Lord Hastings, the Earl of Huntingdon; and lastly, the duke himself; attended with 4000 men, besides the guard. On the next day, the Marquis of Northampton, the Lord Robert Dudley, another of the duke's sons, the Bishop of London, and Sir Richard Corbet, were committed to the Tower. And after came in the Lord Chief Justices Cholmley and Montague, at five of the clock. And on the next day, viz. the 27th, were committed to the same place, the Duke of Suffolk, Sir John Cheke, Sir Anthony Cook, and Sir John York, mint-master: but the said duke on the 31st day was delivered again (not on the 21st, as it is mistaken in Hollingshed's History;) which came to pass by the earnest intercession of his duchess. And, the same day, the Earl of Rutland and the Lord Russel were put in hold in the Fleet. Queen Jane's party made prisoners.

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The queen was not yet come to London; but, about the latter end of July, she was arrived as near as Wansted-house, in Essex (which then belonged, I think, to the Lord Rich) where she took up her rest for a few days, in order to her entrance into the city; and there flocked unto her there great numbers of her nobility and gentry. On the 28th day, in the afternoon, most of the lords of her council repaired She comes to Wansted-house.

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The French  
ambassa-  
dor desires  
audience.

to her. Yet some few, for the necessary carrying on of business, tarried at Westminster; and, among the rest, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Secretary Petre. In this interval, the French ambassador desired audience at their hands; and was answered, that he might be sure to be at all times welcome, but that the board was not so full as for the presence of such an estate were requisite, by reason of a number of the same that were that afternoon departed; referring, nevertheless, his coming or staying, to his own mind or pleasure. On the next morning, July 29, his secretary brought word again from him to the council, that understanding the departure of part of the council to her highness, he was contented to take patience until their return: and, in the mean time, desired to know where her grace was? and when they thought she would be at London? minding either to-morrow, or the next day, to make his repair towards her majesty. He was answered, that for her coming, themselves were as yet uncertain; but upon Monday they trusted to give more sure knowledge thereof. The ambassador desired also a passport for a gentleman to go into Scotland with a packet of letters. Answer was made, that they would declare his request to her highness's council attending upon her person: and upon answer to them, such order should be taken, as by them they should understand to be her pleasure. For they were loth, as they wrote to the council attending the queen, to do more than they thought they might well do; and therefore, as they told them, they thought good to refer this matter unto them, praying them they might have thereof an answer, as shortly as they might. The ambassador complained also, that certain of his letters were stayed, both at Rochester and Calais; which the said council at Westminster willed by their letters to be suffered to pass, unless there were other commandment specially given, either by the queen's highness, or else by the council attending upon her person.

As there were many now prisoners in the Tower,



so their houses and goods were searched and seized, by order of the council. Whatever other things were found, there was but little money; however, servants enough, who were to be discharged. And what to do in this case, these counsellors were at some plunge; and therefore desired the advice and resolution of them that waited on the queen. "We find (as they wrote in their letter, dated July 29) the substance of these (houses) very bare in money, and in some of them no money at all. And therefore would be glad to know what your lordships' pleasure be, touching the servants continuing them: being therefore many in number, and in effect nothing remaining to entertain them together; whether you will have them discharged, or what shall be otherwise your pleasure; and whether, with part of such money as we shall find in any of the houses, the said servants shall be paid their wages and other duties, before they shall be discharged."

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The houses  
of the pri-  
soners in  
the Tower  
searched.

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The last day of July the Lady Elizabeth rode through London to Aldgate, and so eastward, to meet the queen, with a thousand horse, and an hundred velvet coats.

The Lady  
Elizabeth  
goes to  
meet the  
queen.

The queen this day made Sir Harry Jerningham (or more truly to be writ Jernegan) her vice-chamberlain, and captain of the guard; and Sir Edward Hastings master of her horse.

Jerning-  
ham and  
Hastings  
advanced.

The 3d of August was the splendid day on which the queen came riding to London, and so to the Tower; making her entrance at Aldgate; which was hanged, and a great number of streamers hanging about the said gate. Where were standing, upon a stage with seats, all the children of the spittle, singing, with their masters and mistresses. All the streets unto Leadenhall, and unto the Tower, were laid with gravel; and all the crafts of London stood in a row, with their banners and streamers hanged over their heads. Her grace came in this equipage: afore her, a thousand velvet coats and cloaks in embroidery; the mayor of London, bare the mace; the Earl of

The queen  
comes to  
London.

1555. Arundel bare the sword; all the trumpets blowing. Next her came the Lady Elizabeth, and next her the Duchess of Norfolk, and the Marchioness of Exeter next, and so other ladies in their order. And after went the aldermen, and then the guard with bows and javelins. And all the residue departed at Aldgate, being in green and white, and red and white, and blue and green and white, to the number of three thousand horse with spears and javelins.

Imprison-  
ments and  
release-  
ments.

Bishop  
Bonner.

Bishop  
Gardiner.

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The queen rested herself the next day, after her coming to the Tower, and spent it in more privy consultation. But the day following, that is, the 5th of August, was a day of action. For Dr. Cox, Dean of Westminster, came this day prisoner to the Tower; and so all the late King Edward's learned tutors and instructors were now prisoners there: Cheeke and Cook before, and now Cox. But this day was more propitious to the Roman clergy; for now came out of the Marshalsea, Bonner, the old Bishop of London, being brought home unto his palace at St. Paul's, and together with him divers other bishops were set at liberty from their confinements. Dr. Cox, aforesaid, was committed to the same place in the Marshalsea where the said bishop had been; and the Bishop of Winchester, another late prisoner in the Tower, the queen did appoint one of her privy council. This man boasted that he was delivered out of prison, as it were, by miracle, and preserved of God to restore true religion, and to punish heresy. And the Lord Courtney she delivered and pardoned, and nominated to the earldom of Devonshire. Other prisoners she did this day restore to their liberties. And as she had a few days before preferred Sir Edward Hastings and Sir Harry Jerningham about her person, so now she constituted Mr. Rochester master comptroller, the Lord Marquis of Winchester lord treasurer, and divers other officers. And as Sir John Gage was replaced Constable of the Tower, so this day, at nine of the clock, the Lord Ferris being brought to the Tower, and appearing before the coun-

cil, within an hour was delivered unto the custody of the said constable. 1553.

Thus the queen having here at the Tower released some and imprisoned others, as she stood affected, and having chosen her privy council, which were chiefly such as had been under a cloud, or suffered in the former reign (as Gardiner Bishop of Winchester, the Earl of Arundel, the Lord Ryche, the Lord Paget, Sir Robert Southwel, Sir Robert Rochester, and others) began to set upon the business of state. And one of her first cares was to send to the emperor, her relation and friend; to whom she dispatched Sir Thomas Cheyne, knight of the order, treasurer of her household, and lord warden of the Five Ports. And there being then at that court the Bishop of Norwich, Sir Philip Hoby, and Sir Richard Morison, she appointed the bishop to remain with the emperor, as her ambassador resident (to whom she sent instructions accordingly); and revoked the two other: signifying to them, by her council's letters, that considering their long abode there, and the small fruit that had hitherto ensued of their travail (in endeavouring to accommodate matters between the emperor and the French king, then at open hostility) the queen thought it expedient that both of them should return to her presence. And, at their taking of their leave of the emperor, she required them to say, "That if her highness did see, or might understand any likelihood that their long abode might bring forth any fruit for that godly purpose they were sent out for, she would be most glad not only to have them continued, but would most gladly send some other personage joined with them for the treaty, and conducting of the same toward a good conclusion. But considering that hitherto it had not pleased Almighty God to move the hearts of them to concord, she did therefore revoke those her ambassadors for the time remaining; nevertheless, most ready to send either them, or some other, for that purpose, when she might understand the time to serve better." And the

Cheyne  
sent am-  
bassador to  
the empe-  
ror.

The Bishop  
of Norwich  
resides at  
that court.  
Hoby and  
Morison  
called  
home.



1553. ambassadors using such good words as they should think best, to declare the queen's most earnest desire, both to the continuance of the amity, and pacifying of those wars, they should with diligence repair to her presence. This letter to them was signed August 5, by the Earl of Arundel, and next by Stephen Bishop of Winchester, not yet made lord chancellor, Richard Lord Ryche, John Lord Wentworth, Sir Robert Rochester, Sir Robert Southwel, and Sir William Petre, secretary.

The emperor writes to the queen.

The emperor had always borne a true affection to the queen; and when she was lately striving to obtain her crown, he was ready to give her his assistance; and some correspondence there seems to have been between them at that time for the same purpose. This kindness she acknowledged by a letter to him, p. 19. which she gave to his ambassadors; who, as it seems, conveyed it in their packet, delivered to Cheyne, the queen's ambassador going to that court. In answer to which, the emperor wrote an obliging letter to her, importing, "That by his ambassadors he had received a letter from her, wrote with her own hand. He assured her, of that '*grande affection et contentement, que j'ay reçu parce qu'il a plut a Dieu vous avancer, selon votre bon droit, a la couronne d'Angleterre. Et, certes, pour vous cy promovoyr, j'eusse volontiers fait de avantage, de ce que j'ay fait;*' *i. e.* great affection and content he took, that it had pleased God to advance her, according to her just right, to the crown of England. And that, indeed, to promote her thereunto, he had willingly done more than he did, if there had been need; but that God, who was above all, had better provided that which was convenient for her service. For which he gave him thanks; remitting himself to the testimony which his said ambassadors should more particularly bring concerning his good-will and affection on her behalf, such as, he hoped, she had always known. And then concluded with these words: '*Je vous priay seulement de demeurer assuré, que je vous correspond-*

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ray jusques au bout a l'affection que et que 1553.  
 je tiendray le mesme soing de vos affaires comme de  
 miens propres : desirant egalement le bon succes des  
 ceulx : lequell je procureray tousjours. Per celluy  
 que trouveres jusques au bout,

Un bon frere et cousin,

CHARLES."

It was not long after the emperor wrote again to the queen, with his own hand, which his ambassador, Lieutenant D'Aumont, delivered into her own hand. This message seemed to be designed chiefly for moving of a match between his son, Prince Philip, and her majesty; which the emperor had before in his mind, but for some reasons, which his ambassador should acquaint the queen with, he had deferred hitherto to declare. And he prayed her, "That she would shew plainly to the said ambassador what her will and intent was in this affair; and that, with a confidence between them two, without observing the ceremonies commonly used in things of that nature. 'Pour ce qu'entre nos, et en si grande correspondance de vraye amitie, il ne convient aucunement en user;' *i. e.* Because, between them, and in so great correspondence of true friendship, it was not convenient to use it. And that it might be done with more ceremony, in case that matter came to be treated of in publick; and because of that he was going to say, which was, that he prayed her to believe, that as she dealt with him, she should know the esteem which he held of her person; for whom he would now and ever do whatsoever might tend to her profit. And, lastly, prayed her, 'Estre plus que certain que tant que je vyve vous me trouveres,

Votre bon frere et cousin,'

CHARLES."

On the 6th of August, Sir Harry Dudley, another of the duke's house, was brought to the Tower from

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 Sir Harry  
 Dudley  
 imprisoned

1553. Calais, that was going into France with letters, as was reported, having been first seized at Guisnes.

King Edward's funeral.

The queen's next care was, to give an honourable interment to her brother, the late King Edward; which was done at Westminster, August 8. Whereat was expressed, by all sorts of people, such signs of sorrow for his death, by weepings and lamentations, as the like was scarce ever seen or heard.

Bp. Day preaches.

And the first office Dr. Day, the late deposed Bishop of Chichester, did, after his enlargement out of the Tower (which was three or four days before) was very honourable; preaching the king's funeral sermon. Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, however now under a cloud, celebrated his burial by the English Service Book; to which was joined a communion, by him also administered. But though the king was buried after this manner at Westminster,

Mass said for him.

within the Tower was a mass of *requiem* sung for him the same day, at which the queen was present; and the Bishop of Winchester, with his mitre on, performed it after the old popish form. That same day it was, or the eve before, when *Dirige* was sung before the queen and council, by the gentlemen of the chapel, that one Walker (who was married) being a singing-man and a chaplain of the court, was deacon at the service, who minding, after the gospel, as the manner is in the popish ceremony, to have incensed the queen, was forbidden to do it by Dr. Weston, because he had married a wife; saying to him, "Shamest thou not to do this office, having a wife as thou hast! I tell thee, the queen will not be incensed by such an one as thou art." And so with violence he took the censer out of his hand, and with that sweet smoke perfumed the queen. Where my author makes a sharp observation on this very Weston, viz. that at that very time he had the foul disease (which he called, *being smitten with a Winchester goose*) and yet not healed thereof.

Earl of Darby comes to London.

On the said 8th day of August came the Earl of Darby to London, with fourscore and odd coats of



velvet; and after him two hundred and eighteen yeomen in liveries; and so rode to his place at Westminster. 1553.

The 9th day of this month seemed to be the first time Bishop Gardiner came out of the Tower, after his liberty granted him, passing in his way thence by Bath Place, the Earl of Arundel's Place at that time, to his own house in the parish of St. Mary Overy's; and from thence again to my Lord Arundel's to dinner. Bishop of Winchester goes to his house.

## CHAP. II.

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Preachers at Paul's Cross. A disturbance there. Duke of Northumberland, and others, arraigned. Mass begun. Occurrences. Popish bishops restored. Bonner.

**P**REACHERS (and they such as were thought of the best ability that way) were now studiously set up to preach the people into an ill opinion of the late proceedings, especially in religion. Some of these were, Feckenham, Dean of St. Paul's; Weston, Dean of Westminster; White, Warden of Winchester; Watson, Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester; Harpsfield, Archdeacon of London; Bourn, Parson of High Ongar, in Essex, the queen's chaplain; and domestics to Bishop Bonner, and others. Preachers put up at Paul's Cross. This last named came up at Paul's Cross, August 13, where were present the lord mayor and his brethren, and the Lord Courteney, and a great auditory. This man did, according to his instructions, fiercely lay about him, in accusing the doings of the former reign, with such reflections upon things that were dear to the people, that it set them all into a hurly burly; and such an uproar began, such a shouting at the sermon, and casting up of caps, as that one, who lived in those times, and kept a journal of matters that then fell out, writ, *It was as if the people were mad*; and that there might have been great mischief done, had

1558. not the people been awed somewhat by the presence of the mayor and the Lord Courteney. In this confusion the young people and the women bore their part; and so did some priests, and namely, the minister of St. Ethelborough's within Bishopsgate, who, as we shall hear, smarted severely for it. And which most of all shewed the popular displeasure against the preacher, a dagger was thrown at him, which broke up the assembly, and the divine was conveyed away for fear of his life. The next Sunday, being Aug. 20, Watson, preached at Paul's Cross Dr. Watson, one of as much heat as the other, but with more safety, having two hundred of the guard about him, to see no such disturbance happened again. There were present all the crafts of London, in their best liveries, sitting on forms, every craft by themselves, together with the lord mayor and aldermen.

Northumberland, and others, condemned as traitors.

On Friday, being the 18th of August, were arraigned, the Duke of Northumberland (all whose blustering and ambition came to this miserable conclusion), the Marquis of Northampton, and the Earl of Warwick, eldest son to the said duke (a great scaffold, the day before, having been set up in Westminster Hall for that purpose), who were then condemned to be executed as traitors. And the next day were arraigned at Westminster Hall, and cast to be hanged and quartered, four more, viz. Sir Andrew Dudley, Sir John and Sir Henry Gates, and Sir Thomas Palmer.

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The execution respited for a day.  
And why.

The Monday after was designed for the execution of the duke, and the rest of the condemned persons; and by eight o'clock that day were gotten together on Tower-hill near ten thousand people, to have seen the execution: for the scaffold was made ready, sand and straw brought, and all the men that belonged to the Tower Hamlets present; as Hockston, Shore-ditch, Bow, Ratcliffe, Limehouse, St. Katharine's; and so were the waiters of the Tower, and the guard, and the sheriffs' officers: and every man standing in order with their halberds, and lanes made; the hang-

man there also : when on a sudden they were commanded to depart. The reason of which respite was, to gain a piece of glory to the popish religion, that these condemned persons, all pretended embracers of the reformed religion, might, before their deaths, be present at mass ; as it were, giving thereby their approbation of it, and disavowing their former profession. To which these persons, perhaps of no great religion before, were the willinger to condescend, in hope it might be a means to procure them the more favour towards a pardon : and that this might be done with the more shew and boast, on that very day were the lord mayor and aldermen sent for to the Tower, and the chiefest of the crafts in London, and divers of the privy council were there also ; and then, in the presence of all these, mass was said before the duke and the rest. But notwithstanding, he and some others were executed the day following, as we shall read in due place. 1553.

The same 21st day of August was severe justice done upon two persons, the one a priest, the other a barber, for being concerned in the uproar at the Paul's Cross sermon, August 13, who were set on the pillory, and their ears nailed to it. The priest was parson of St. Ethelborough's : the crime was, for heinous and seditious words against the queen, spoken at that sermon, and for promoting that tumult. The priest, having spoke more words to the same effect, was set on the pillory again, August 23. Two persons pillorized ; the one a priest.

On the said day mass began at St. Nicholas Cole-abbey, sung in Latin, and tapers set on the altar, and a cross. The next day a goodly mass in Latin was sung also in Bread-street. And here I cannot but make this remark upon the incumbent of the said St. Nicholas, whose name was Parson Chicken, that he sold his wife to a butcher, and, November 24, was carted about London. Mass begun in a church in London.

August 25, the Great Harry, the greatest ship in the world, was burnt at Woolwich by negligence, and lack of oversight. The Great Harry burnt.



1553.  
Sir John  
Harrington  
dies.

Sir John Harrington, of Rutlandshire, dying within St. Helen's, London, was, on Monday the 4th of September, carried into his country, in a horse-litter, to be interred, with his standard and penon; mass and dirge having every day been sung for him, that is, from the 18th day of August, on which he died, to the day of his remove.

Lord Ferris  
and some  
others dis-  
charged  
the Tower.

The Lord Ferris, and the two lords chief justices, Cholmely and Mountague, were, on the 6th of September, brought out of the Tower before the queen's council, that then sat at the Dean of Paul's Place; where they were delivered and discharged of the Tower, yet with a heavy fine laid upon them.

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Deprived  
bishops re-  
stored.

That the queen might be furnished with fit instruments to carry on her resolved intention, to bring religion back to the state in which it was before any reformation, soon were the deprived bishops restored again by her, not only to their liberties, but their sees and jurisdictions, as Gardiner, Turnstal, and Bonner, Hethe and Day; let loose, as it were, especially two of them, to worry the poor flock; though these had been before represented by their friends under very fair characters: as, that they were reformable; that they were meet instruments for a commonwealth; that they were not so obstinate and malicious as they were adjudged, neither that they thirsted for the blood of any man. But though they were thus studiously reported under the former reign, or did so give out themselves to be, yet now, or soon after, it appeared, these characters were not over true.

Bonner's  
restitution.  
Registr.  
Bonner.

The sentence of Bishop Bonner's restitution was read publickly in St. Paul's Church, on the 5th of September, after a formal process had been commenced for trial of the validity of the said bishop's deprivation under King Edward VI.; when Archbishop Cranmer, one of the king's commissioners, pronounced the sentence of deprivation, and Ridley, Bishop of Rochester, succeeded him in the diocese. Bonner, soon after the queen's access to the throne, complained to her, that he had been unjustly, and contrary to law,

deprived ; or rather, that having made a legal appeal from the commissioners to the king, the deprivation during that appeal was illegal and null ; and that, therefore, his imprisonment, which he afterward suffered, was illegal also : and complaining of the losses, and expences, and troubles, that he underwent by the means thereof ; and desiring liberty, by law, of demanding satisfaction. Upon this, the queen appointed several judges delegates to examine the whole cause : and to countenance the business the more, many persons of the greatest honour and quality were joined with civilians, as delegates ; their names, as they are set down in the instrument, were as follow : John Tregonwel and William Roper, Esqrs. ; David Pole, Archdeacon of Derby ; Anthony Draycot, Archdeacon of Huntingdon ; Gilbert Bourn, Archdeacon of Bedford ; William Cook, Jeffery Glyn, and Henry Cole, LL.DD. ; and William Ermedest, canon of the cathedral church of St. Paul, London : together with William Marquis of Winchester, Henry Earl of Arundel, Edward Earl of Derby, Francis Earl of Shrewsbury ; Richard Southwell, Robert Southwell, Edward Carne, Richard Read, Knts. ; Maurice Grifith, Archdeacon of Rochester ; and John White, Warden of St. Mary Winton College, commissaries and judges delegates. The commission ran to them, or any two of them, to hear and determine the cause. To these delegates did Bonner present his libel, called in the instrument, “ A certain appellatory and querelatory Libel,” given and offered to them judicially against all the former King Edward’s commissioners, viz. the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is styled as yet Primate and Metropolitan of all England ; Nicholas Ridley, styled late Bishop of Rochester ; Thomas Smith, Knt. ; and William May, dean of Paul’s : William Latymer, and John Hooper, clerks (for this last, it seems, they would not own to be bishop) who had been witnesses against him. The proctors of the archbishop, of the bishop, and Dr. May, appeared ;

1553.

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1553. but Smith, Hooper, and Latymer, appeared not, who are said to be absent *per contumaciam*.

The sentence definitive in his behalf.

In fine, after several hearings, the sentence definitive was pronounced by Dr. Tregonwel (who was soon after knighted for his pains) in behalf of Bishop Bonner. In which sentence it is said to have been proved, that there was nothing effectual or sufficient on the parts of the archbishop, Ridley, and the rest, deduced, exhibited, propounded, alledged, excepted, objected, proved, or confessed, which might any way enervate the intention of the Reverend Father Bonner. "Therefore, John Tregonwel, LL.D. commissary and judge delegate, first having called (as the sentence ran) upon the name of Christ, and having God alone before his eyes, of and with the consent, assent, and command of the aforesaid venerable men, William Roper, David Pole, &c. did define and decree, That the said appeal and complaint were and are true, just, and lawful, and made and interposed upon true, just, and lawful causes; and that the said reverend father the archbishop, and the rest, did procede, pronounce, judge, and sentence amiss: and that on the part of the Reverend Bishop Bonner, he did justly and lawfully appeal and complain; and that the pretended definitive sentence made against him was rashly attempted to his prejudice, and was null in law, unjust, ineffectual, invalid, &c. And they pronounced, decreed, and declared him to be restored, as well to the possession of his said bishoprick, as to all his goods and things, with their rights and appurtenances, and to be in the same state in all and by all, as the same reverend father ever before was; allowing him also to take his course for the expences, losses, and incommodities of his imprisonment, and for his evil and unjust handling, as he alledged in his libel."

The delegates partial.

Thus roundly did these delegates proceed in their business, according as was expected. One of these delegates, namely Bourn, was Bonner's chaplain, and



how partially he stood affected, is evident from a sermon he preached at Paul's Cross, about the beginning of August, from a text upon which Bonner had preached that time four years: for which, as Bourn then and there said, he was most cruelly and unjustly cast into that vile dungeon of the Marshalsea; and taking occasion hence largely to justify his master, caused at that time a great hubbub among the auditors, as before is told. The other delegates were men of the same partiality, favourers of popery, and so no equal judges in this cause. 1553.

The proceedings against Bonner, now called in question, may be seen at large in Fox's History; where it may appear, how fairly he was treated throughout the whole process, and how contentiously and insolently he behaved himself. And as for his appeal to the king, from the sentence pronounced against him, the king accordingly issued out an order to a great many noblemen and the learnedest civilians, well and thoroughly to examine all the proceedings of the commissioners against him, and his recusations, protestations, and appeals. These were the Lord Rich, lord chancellor; the Lord Treasurer, the Lord Marquis of Dorset, the Bishop of Ely, the Lord Wentworth, Sir Anthony Wingfield, Sir William Herbert, Dr. Nicholas Wotton, Edward Mountague (lord chief justice), Sir John Baker, Judge Hales, John Gosnold, Dr. Oliver, and Dr. Leyson; who, after due discussion and considerate advisement of all the premises, gave their resolute answer, "That Bonner's appellation was naught and unreasonable, and that the sentence against him was rightly and justly pronounced." This I set down, to justify what was done against this bishop, notwithstanding the point-blank decision to the contrary. Whereby the commissioners of Queen Mary, for the gratifying of the vainglory of an unworthy man, did openly and formally charge injustice upon so many honourable, reverend, and learned personages, who were the chief counsellors about that king.

The proceedings against Bonner, under King Edward, justified. Fox's Acts, &c. p. 1210.

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## CHAP. III.

A proclamation for religion. Another for the valuation of money. The Duke of Northumberland and Sir John Gates executed.

1553.  
The queen's  
first pro-  
clamation  
concerning  
religion,

THE queen soon seeing, and well understanding, how her subjects stood affected to King Edward's religion, rather than to her's; and withal considering how assistant the gospellers had been to the seating her in her kingdom, thought it convenient to issue out a proclamation, dated Aug. 18, (the day on which the Duke of Northumberland was tried and condemned) from Richmond; to declare she would compel none to her religion, and her utter dislike of the odious terms of Papist and Heretic, and her desire that her subjects might live together in godly love and unity. And this she did the rather, because in the very beginning of her reign, she apprehended some danger of an insurrection, by reason that the people, upon reports spread abroad, of the queen's changing the religion, fell into earnest contentions about questions of religion. Therefore she, thinking to pacify and sweeten those of the religion, and yet to compass her ends in due time by a parliament, declared first, "What her own religion was, which she was minded to observe and maintain for herself during her life, and would be glad the same were of all her subjects quietly embraced: yet, that of her gracious disposition and clemency, she minded not to compel any of her subjects thereunto, until such time as further order, by common consent, might be taken therein. (That is, in effect, as though she had said, as soon as she might compel by authority of parliament, she would.) She forbad all her subjects, at their peril, to move seditions, or to stir unquietness, by interpreting the laws of the land according to their brains and fancies. She willed them to live

That she  
would not  
compel.

together in quiet sort and Christian charity; and forbear those *new-found devilish terms* (as the proclamation calls them) of *Papist* or *Heretic*, and such like; and apply themselves to live in the fear of God; and so express their hunger and thirst of God's glory and holy word, which many had pretended rashly by their words. That if any made assemblies of people, or, at any public assemblies, should go about to stir the people to disorders, she would see the same severely reformed and punished. And she forbade henceforth all preaching and reading in churches, or other public or private places, to interpret after their own brains, any scriptures or points of doctrine: all printing of books, ballads, rhimes, interludes; not to play those interludes, without special license. Likewise, that none should presume, of their own private authority, to punish any offender in the late rebellion, under the Duke of Northumberland or his accomplices, or to seize any of their goods; but to refer all unto her majesty, and to public authority. Yet not hereby to restrain or discourage any from informing against such offenders unto her grace or council: resolving to punish with severity and rigor, all unlawful and rebellious doings. She charged all maiors, sheriffs, and all other officers, to see to the observing of these her commandments, and to apprehend all such as should wilfully offend, committing them to gaol without bail or mainprize; and certifies of their names and doings to be sent to her, or her council." But he that is minded to see and consider the whole proclamation, which had more of rigor than mercy, and administered much more of fear and jealousy, than of hope to the professors of the gospel, may have it in Fox: and I believe it to be drawn up by the hand and head of Bishop Gardiner, now lord chancellor. This was followed three days after by another, commanding, "That no man should reason against the doings of her grace and her council; and that what she did should be for the honour of God, and profit of her subjects' souls."

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All preaching  
forbid;And printing  
without  
special license.Acts and  
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The value  
of coin as-  
certained.

Another proclamation issued forth, August 20, about the coin: for care was taken, upon the queen's first coming to the crown, that the gold and silver money should not go above the intrinsic value of it: of which so much care had been taken by King Edward. This was one of those things whereby the queen intended to ingratiate herself in her new government to her people; and therefore a proclamation was sent abroad, Aug. 20, (Hollingshed placeth this amiss on the 4th of September,) for ascertaining the value of each piece; and, moreover, declaring the queen's intention suddenly of coining new money. This care of the queen is set forth, by terming it, "Her great and abundant clemency, and her tender care to her loving subjects:" adding, how sensible she was of the great intolerable charges that had come to her subjects by base money. She appointed then

Coins of  
gold,

The piece called *The Sovereign*, of fine gold, should go at . . . . . 30s.

The *Half-Sovereign*, which should be called *The Royal* of gold, at . . . . . 15s.

The other piece of gold, which should be called *The Angel*, at . . . . . 10s.

The *Half-Angel*, at . . . . . 5s.

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And of sil-  
ver.

And of coins of silver; one piece, that should be *A Groat*, should be current for . . . 4d.

The half of which, which should be called *The Half-Groat*, for . . . . . 2d.

The half of the half-groat, which should be called *A Penny*, for . . . . . 1d.

And all base money, which had been reduced to the value of a lower rate, should go current in payment, as the same was current at that day, and was declared by a proclamation in the time of Edward VI. until such time as the queen should take further order touching the same. The proclamation I have placed

Numb. V. in the Catalogue.

Some exe-  
cuted.

As many had been imprisoned, and some condemned, on the Lady Jane's account, so, Aug. 22,

were three executed; namely, the Duke of North-  
 umberland, the great wheel of that plot, Sir John  
 Gates, and Sir Thomas Palmer, the first accuser of  
 the Duke of Somerset. The lofty Northumberland  
 was in the last reign grown too big for a subject; and  
 as he did what he would, both with the king and with  
 the nobles, having struck a terror into every man,  
 and being feared by all, and loved by none, there was  
 not any left now to speak a good word for him. The  
 manner of his end, and how at his death he confessed  
 he had always been a papist, other historians will  
 relate. As to his wealth and estate, which he had  
 obtained partly by the king's gifts, and partly by his  
 own purchases from the crown, at what rates he  
 pleased, this that follows is some account thereof.

1553.

The Duke  
of North-  
umberland

Anno 1<sup>o</sup> Edwardi VI. He obtained a patent,  
 dated December 22, granting to him, in considera-  
 tion of his service against the Scots, the manor of Host-  
 inghanger, in the county of Kent, late parcel of the  
 possessions of Thomas Lord Poynings, and divers  
 other lands and tenements in Kent, Warwick, Derby,  
 Suffolk and Salop.

His lands.  
War. Book  
of Edw. VI.

He had a patent in the same year, June 22, in  
 compliment of King Henry VIIIth his will, and in  
 consideration of service, and for the supportation of  
 his estate of Earl of Warwick; whereby he had  
 lands from the king of the yearly value of 300*l.* be-  
 yond reprice (*i. e.* beside rents reserved to the crown),  
 viz. the lordship and manor, and town and castle of  
 Warwick, and the manor of Hasseley and Rudbroke,  
 otherwise called Hampton-upon-the-Hill, in the county  
 of Warwick, with the appurtenances; heretofore per-  
 taining to Richard Earl of Warwick, attainted of  
 high-treason; and divers other manors, lands and  
 tenements, in the counties of Warwick, Gloucester,  
 Middlesex, Salop, Lincoln, Suffolk, Essex, Chester,  
 York, Hereford, Stafford, Somerset.

Anno Edwardi VI. 2<sup>o</sup>. Aug. 17. He, together with  
 Richard Forset and others, purchased for 1286*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.*  
 the manor of Chedworth, in Gloucestershire, and the

1553. scite of the college of Penkridge, in Staffordshire, and divers other lands in the counties of Gloucester, Stafford, Wigorn, Hertford, Surrey, Salop.

p. 28. Anno Edwardi VI. 3°. In consideration of the castle, lordship and manor of the village and town of Warwick, and divers other lands and tenements, he had, by patent dated Jan. 6, the manor of Minstrew Well, with all its rights, members, &c. in Oxfordshire, and the park of Cornbury, in the same county, late parcel of the possession of Jasper Duke of Bedford; and divers other lands, tenements and hereditaments, in the counties of Oxford, Hertford, Nottingham, Berks, Wigorn and Gloucester, valued at 470*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* yearly. Again, in consideration of the manors and parks of Ostinghanger, Aldington, and Saltwood, in Kent, and divers other lands, and tenements, he had a patent, dated July 19, whereby the king gave him the manor of Feckenham and Forstam, and the park of Feckenham, in the county of Wigorn, with its rights, members, &c.; and divers other lordships, lands and tenements, in the counties of Wigorn, Oxford, Carmarthen, Warwick, Derby and Denbigh: value 141*l.* 6*s.* 3*ob.* yearly.

Anno Edwardi VI. 4°. Of the king's special grace, and in consideration of service, he had a patent, dated May 20, by virtue whereof were granted him, all the lordships and manors of Prowdehew, Rothbury, Markworth, Aklington and Byrling, and the forest, barony and castle of Prowdehew, and the castle and park of Markworth, and the forest of Rothbury, and the town and park of Aklington, in the county of Northumberland, with the appurtenances, formerly belonging to Henry Earl of Northumberland; and divers other lands and tenements, in Northumberland, Durham, York, Norfolk, London, Denbigh, Warwick, Richmond, Cambridge: value 693*l.* 6*s.* 10*obq.*

Again, by another patent, dated May 27, the king, of his special grace, granted him the office of keeper, warden, or governor of the county of North-



umberland, and the general Marches of the realm of England towards the parts of Scotland, viz. In the parts of the East Marches and the Middle Marches, and in the dominion of Scotland, for the term of his life: and had allowance for the maintenance of an hundred horsemen; that is, for each 10*d.* a day, during the king's pleasure; to be paid by the hand of the treasurer of the Court of Augmentation, or by the hand of the general receiver of the county of York. His salary was 1000*l.* and 10*d.* a day beside for each horseman. 1553.

Again, an. reg. Edw. VI. 4°. he had a patent, dated July 25, by virtue whereof, in consideration of divers lordships, lands and tenements, in the counties of Northumberland, York, Hertford, Middlesex, the king granted him the lordship, manor and castle, village and town of Warwick, with their rights, members, &c. and divers other lordships, lands, tenements, &c. in the counties of Warwick, Kent, Surrey, Berks, Suffolk and Norfolk.

Yet again, a patent dated Sept. 10, in consideration of the lordships of Wresel and Newsham, in the county of Lincoln, and divers other lands and tenements in the counties of Lincoln, Kent and Sussex, the king granted him all the whole castle of Tunbridge, and the lordship and manor of Tunbridge, with their appurtenances, in Kent, parcel of the possession called Buckingham's Lands, and divers other lordships, lands, tenements, &c. in Kent, Carmarthen, Warwick and Gloucester: value 105*l.* 5*s.* 6*obq.*

In the same year he had a lease granted him, in reversion, of all the house and scite of the late priory of St. Ciriol, alias Penmaine, in North Wales, for one-and-twenty years, with other lands: paying yearly therefore 31*l.* 2*s.* p. 29.

Yet once again, he obtained, together with his son John Lord Lisle, a patent for the office of keeping the chief message of the manor of Essher, in the county of Surrey, and the keeping of the gardens

1558. and orchards there, and the keeping of the park there: with the office of lieutenant of the chace of Hampton Court; with the fees. Both these last dated in December. All this before he was created duke.

An. R. Edw. VI. 6°. He being now duke, received another favour of the king; and that was, a pardon for the sum of two thousand fourscore and fourteen pounds, seventeen shillings and three-pence.

To which add, That An. R. Edw. VI. 7°. the bishoprick of Durham being dissolved, was, by new letters, turned into a county palatine in May, and given to him. And, lastly, in June, the king gave him the manors of Feckenham, Bromesgrove and King's Norton, in Worcestershire, with divers other lands, to the yearly value of 300*l.*; which yet he enjoyed a very short time; as he was despoiled of all the rest, which he had been heaping up during the last reign; reckoning thereby to raise a great family; wherein he was miserably disappointed.

Sir John  
Gates his  
places  
come to Sir  
Henry Jer-  
ningham.

As also was Sir John Gates, his great creature, who suffered with him: whose places and offices the queen gave unto Sir Henry Jerningham, or Jernegan, soon after master of the horse, and privy counsellor; who had been very assistant in Suffolk and Norfolk, in raising forces for her there. Sir John Gates had the office of keeper of the king's park at Eltham in Kent, and of keeper of his houses in the manor of Eltham; and the office of keeper of the new park at Horne in Kent. By his attainder Queen Mary gave all these offices (being forfeited) to the said Jerningham, under the name of her counsellor, Henry Jerningham, Esq. vice-chamberlain of her household, for the term of his life. And gave him, moreover, the fee of three-pence a day for the exercise and occupation of the said office of keeper of the park of Eltham: and for the office of keeper of her houses in her said manor of Eltham, six-pence per day, and the fee of ten marks a year: and for the office of keeper of Horne Park, the fee of four-pence a day. To enjoy

all these fees in as full and ample manner as John Gates or Thomas Speke, Knts. enjoyed them. She granted also Jerningham, the keeper's house or lodging, adjacent to the capital house of Eltham, for his own occupation, without molestation of any of her officers : because that house was formerly so used to be for the keeper of the capital house. She granted him also the perpetual chantry within the manor of Eltham, and the mansion, called commonly the "Chantry Priest's House," within the outer part of the manor aforesaid. To him she granted also, and to farm letten, her manor or house of Eltham, with the appurtenances ; and all and singular lands, tenements, meadows, woods, &c. as well within the said park, as without ; and a house or place called Corbyhal or Corbynhall, and a cottage with a garden near the parish church of Eltham, and all other lands, tenements, rents, reversions, services, liberties, courts, &c. with reasonable fire-boot, cart-boot, plow-boot, hedge-boot, within the woods of the said manor, as it ran in the queen's patent, and the annual rent of 20s. and the service of John Roper, granted him and his heirs by King Henry VIII. for his lands and tenements in the parish of Eltham. The rent the queen reserved for all this, was 31*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.* She granted Jerningham, over and above all this, the reversion of the office of keeper of the garden within her said manor of Eltham, which office John Brickhed had for life, with the fee accustomed. Before which Brickhed, John Colyson and Richard Hert had that office. She granted him also the office of purveyor of the said manor of Eltham, together with the bailivate of the town of Eltham ; and of the keeper and surveyor of the woods, and of all the houses and edifices, with their appurtenances, situate in the store-yard without the gates of the said manor which John Brickhed, and, before him, John Tirrel had, and the fees thereof : and, lastly, the office of steward and keeper of the manor of Eltham, with the fee of 40*s.* per annum. After this manner

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1553. did she reward the service of this gentleman, soon after giving him a knighthood, and constituting him captain of her guards.

Gates's  
widow de-  
prived of  
her dowry.

Thus was Sir John Gates stripped of all, and of his life too; and, which was somewhat hard and unjust, his widow too of her jointure: which she was fain to sue for at law, but could not recover. For there is extant in Dyer's Reports, the case of Mary, the widow of Sir John Gates, attaind of treason, by brief of dower, against Wiseman, that pleaded in bar of the attainder. She pleaded, That her dowry was made long before his attaind, and out of lands of which he was seized in fee before the committing treason. But she was barred of her dowry by the opinion of all the judges, by a statute of the 5th and 6th of Edward VI. "Provisoe, that the wife of any man attaind of any manner of treason whatsoever, shall in no wise be received to ask, chalenge, demand, or have dower of any of her husband's lands, during the force of that attainder. But it was noted, that the lands alienated before treason committed, were never subject to any forfeiture or escheat, as in the case of Vavasor in the end of chapter De Dower, in Littleton." And, therefore, the Lord Dyer observed, that Serjeant Brown was very angry at the aforesaid judgment,

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Rep. fol.  
140. b.

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## CHAP. IV.

The cares for the North. A tax remitted. The ordinance of the Tower. John Lord Dudley's obsequies. The coronation. The queen's first parliament. A convocation. Points defined there. Popish service by proclamation established.

The Earl  
of Shrews-  
bury sent  
into the  
North.

**T**HOUGH the queen were now in the throne, yet was she not without apprehensions of disturbances to arise to her in divers places of her dominions. Against which she made as good provisions as she could. And seeming to fear some-

thing particularly from the North, where the Scots might so easily come in to assist the disaffected, she hastily, towards the latter end of August, sent down the Earl of Shrewsbury into those parts, whom she had appointed the president of her council there; though his commission were not yet signed; that he might give an awe to the country by his presence, and provide against any tumults, and having settled matters there in safety, to return to her again. 1553.

This right noble earl shewed himself very forward in his zealous service for the queen. A passage to illustrate this, was remarkable at the trial of Sir Nicolas Throgmorton, whereat he was a commissioner. For, when Throgmorton had prayed the court not to make too much haste with him, nor to think long for their dinner; for that his cause required leisure, and they had well dined, when they had done justice truly, as he said; the earl somewhat disturbed, asked him, if he came there to check them? and that they would not be so used; and that, for his own part, he had forborn his breakfast, dinner and supper too, to serve the queen. Throgmorton presently replied, to molify his former expression, That he knew it right well, and that he meant not to touch his lordship; for his services and pains were evidently known to all men. His forwardness to serve the queen.

The noble earl left his countess at court at Richmond; where the queen shewed her all respect, and told her, That she would be her husband, to comfort her under her lord's absence, and uttered many kind words both to her, and concerning the earl. An account of which, and of the queen's earnestness to hear news of the affairs of the North, and what she was to expect from thence, I had rather give from the countess her own letter to the earl, wrote Sept. 3, from Richmond; which was to this tenor:

“After my most harty commendation to your good lordship, the same shall be advertised, that yesternight, as the queen's majesty came from even- The countess's letter to him.

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Officio Ar-  
mor.  
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song, which was sung in the chappel by all the singing men of the same, with playing of the organs of the solemnest maner, her highness called me unto her, and asked me, When your lordship rode toward the North? And when I had told her grace, she held up her hands, and besought God to send you good health, and soon to see you again; and also prayed God to send you good succes in her affairs in that country; with many other good and comfortable words toward your lordship, too long here to write. Whereby I perceive her highness to be somewhat doubtful of the quietness of that country. Wherefore, good my lord, let her highness have a letter from you, as soon as you come to York, of the state of the country thereabouts, and how they take her grace's new service: wherewith her highness much rejoiced to hear her subjects well pleased. And after that, by reason the warrant for the commission for the presidentship was not signed, I moved her grace for it. And she was sorry it was so delayed: and straitway commanded my Lord of Arundel (to speak to) my Lord Chancellor for it; and so signed it straitway. Her highness was so much my good lady, that she commanded me, whatsoever I lacked, I should be bold to come to her grace, for she would be my husband, unto your lordship's return again.

"My lord, you shall understand, that my Lord of Arundel shewed himself very friendly unto me, and hath been with me divers times, and asked me what I lack very gently. Other news here is not yet, but that my Lord Courteney this day shall be created Earl of Devonshire. And what other things shall chance here, worthy advertisement, your lordship shall be sure to hear from me, from time to time, by the grace of our Lord: who send you long good health. From Richmond this 3d of Sept. 1553.

Your lordship's loving wife,

G. SHREWSBURY."

The queen, being minded to shew some act of



grace at this entrance into her reign, and to qualify some severities already shewed among the people, did forgive a part of a tax, given to King Edward in the latter session of his last parliament. For the king's debts growing heavy upon him, by monies owing to his servants and subjects, and also to merchants, strangers, that parliament granted him two dismes, and two fifteens, and one subsidy of four shillings, to be raised of the lands; and two shillings and eight-pence of the goods and chattels. But the king died before this tribute was collected. The queen remitted the four shillings and the two and eight-pence; and moreover declared, "That she would pay her brother's debts in convenient time. Which she charged upon the ill government of the realm under that arrand traitor, the Duke of Northumberland; the treasure being mervailously exhausted since he bare rule: expecting for this her favour to her subjects, that if the honour of the realm should so require, they should at all times exhibit their service. She accounting their loving hearts and prosperity as her own weal, and the chiefest treasure that she desired." And all this she divulged by proclamation, dated September 1; which I have, for the preserving such transactions of state as much as I may, placed in the Catalogue of Letters, &c.

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The queen  
remits a  
part of a  
tax given  
by a former  
parliament.

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And as she found the treasure much exhausted, so did she the Tower disfurnished of stores and ammunition. Whereupon, to make a scrutiny into such important needs, she issued out a commission to Sir Richard Southwel, Sir William Drury, and Sir Henry Bedingfield, Knights, who were of her privy council, and Sir Arthur Darcy, Kt. certifying them, "That being informed (according to the import of the commission) that the office of her ordnance was presently in some disorder, and unfurnished of such necessary munitions as were fit should be in store and readiness for the better furtherance of her service, when occasion should require, she had appointed them, for the special trust she had in their approved wisdom and

A commission to inspect the ordnance and stores.  
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1553. fidelity, to view, survey, and consider the state of her said ordnance: and that it was her will and pleasure, that they four, or three of them at the least, should call before them Sir Philip Hoby, Kt. master of the ordnance, and Sir Frauncis Fleming, lieutenant of the same, and also such other of her officers of the ordnance, as they should think convenient; and understanding of them, by the examination of their books and records, or by such other means as they shall think fit; what old ordnance remained, or ought to remain; what new had been made; what powder and other munition had been bought and provided; where, how, by whom, and by what warrant the same had been bestowed: they should consider, whether such of the said ordnance, or other munition, as had been by the said officers, or any of them, delivered out, had been duly called for again; or remaining in any towns, castles, or fortresses, on this side or beyond the seas, were fit to continue in the place where it then remained. And in case they should perceive it was not necessary, or served not to any importance there, then they should give order, that the same should be brought from the several places where it then remained, and did not serve, unto the Tower of London, to remain there for her store. And if such of her ordnance and other munition as remained in places, where they should think it fit to continue, should want any supply or reparation, they should, in that case, give order that the same might be looked unto, and put into such good and substantial order, as might best serve for the advancement of her service, and surety of her said fortresses. Finally, her pleasure was, that they should generally survey the whole state, order, and condition of the said office of ordnance; and understanding particularly what wants and lack were in the same, and what were meet to be supplied for the surety and furtherance of her service, and of the several sorts and quantities of all kinds of her ordnance, powder, and other munition, and of the several places

where any part thereof remained, they should recal it. And of all the rest of their doings in this behalf, to make report in writing unto her privy council; to the end that order might by them be indelayedly taken for the furniture and provision thereof accordingly." 1555.

The queen's coronation was now all the care; which was resolved to be very splendid and glorious, being to be performed on the 1st of October. Against which day, the queen being to pass through London, it was the citizens' province, according to old custom, to adorn the city; which they therefore began to do, September 12: that is, to paint and trim up the conduits, to repair and beautify Ludgate, and the Cross in Cheap; to hang the streets, to provide children, speeches and musick, and to make triumphal pageants: which were to be erected at Fan-church, Grace-church, Leaden-hall, at the Conduit in Cornhill, at the Great Conduit in Cheap, at the Standard there, at the Little Conduit there, in St. Paul's church-yard, and at the Conduit in Fleet-street. And, besides, to provide places for the standing of every company; which stations were after to remain unto every hall for ever, when they should have need on the like occasions.

Sir John Dudley, baron of Dudley, happening to die at Westminster, his obsequies were celebrated on the 21st of September, honourably; but with the old popish ceremonies: that is to say, priests and clerks going before, and singing in Latin. Then a priest, wearing a cope, then a clerk, having the holy-water sprinkle in his hand. After, a mourner bearing this lord's standard. After him, another bearing his great banner of arms, gold and silver; another bearing his helmet, mantle and crest, a blue lion's head, standing upon a crown of gold. After, another mourner bearing his target, and another his sword. Next came Mr. Somerset, the herald, his coat armour of gold and silver. And then the corse, covered with cloth of gold to the ground, and four of his men bearing him; his arms hanging upon the cloth of gold; and

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London for  
the coronation.

The funerals of the  
Lord Dudley.



1553. twelve men, of his servants, carrying twelve staff-torches burning to the church. In the choir was an horse made of timber, covered with black, and arms upon the black. And after came the mourners, making a great company. After the Dirge began, the herald came to the choir door, and prayed for his soul by his style. And so the Dirge song began, in Latin, and all the lessons. And then the herald prayed for a soul-mass. And so the mass was sung in Latin. And after, this nobleman's helmet, coat and target, were offered. And after all ended, the standard and banner of arms were offered. And so the company repaired to the house whence they set out. Then followed ringing of bells, and a great dole.

Dr. Fecknam at Paul's Cross.

The Sunday se'nnight before the great day of the queen's inauguration, being September 24, preached at Paul's Cross Dr. Fecknam, as a preparatory to that great solemnity.

The Lord Paget restored to the order.

The queen's coronation now ready at hand, she being the fountain of honour, thought fit to distribute her honour upon several persons. And the Lord Paget, an old and able statesman, who had been ignominiously degraded from the order of the garter under King Edward, she restored, intending to make great use of him. And the ensigns of this noble order were not with more disgrace taken from him before, than with honour restored to him again, by a decree of chapter holden at St. James's the 27th of September. And, in confirmation of this lord's restoration, he had the garter forthwith buckled on his leg again by two of the knights' companions present, and the collar of the order put about his shoulder, with the George depending thereat. And a com-

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mand was then given to Garter, that his atchievement should be publickly set up over his stall at Windsor, being the same he before possessed, viz. the ninth on the sovereign's side; as Sir Elias Ashmole hath gathered out of the Blue Book in the Registry of the Knights at Windsor. In this case, the said learned author observed, that the very records of the order

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brand his degradation with injustice upon the foresaid pretence (that is, that he was not a gentleman of blood) as inferable thence, that when honour is conferred upon the score of virtue and great endowments, the consideration of these supplieth the defect and obscurity of extraction. Whence it came to pass, that the then sovereign (whose prerogative it was to declare and interpret the statutes) being at that time present in chapter, thought fit to qualify the law, and give him this honourable commendation, "That he had highly deserved of the nation, by his prudence and counsel."

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The Thursday after, that is, September 28, she, in order to her coronation, removed from St. James's, where she was at present, and so to Whitehall. There she took her barge to the Tower. And there were to wait upon her the lord mayor and aldermen, and all the companies in their barges, with streamers and trumpets, waites, shawmes and regals, together with great volley-shots of guns, until her grace came into the Tower, and some time after. The next day she made fifteen Knights of the Bath; who were knighted by the Earl of Arundel, lord steward of the queen's house, by commission from her. The first was the Earl of Devonshire, the next the young Earl of Surrey, the third the Lord Burgany, then the Lord Cardiff, the Lord Barkley, the Lord Mountjoy, the Lord Lumley, Sir William Paulet, Sir Harry Parker, Sir Hugh Rich (the Lord Rich's son) Sir Harry Clinton, Sir Harry Paget, Sir Robert Rochester, Sir Harry Jerningham, Sir Edward or (William) Dormer.

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The oath then administered to them, was in these words: "Right dere brother, gret worshyp be thys ordre unto you. Almyghty God geve you the presynge of al knyghthode. Thys is the ordre of knyghthode: you shal honour God above al thyngs; yee shal be stedfast in the feith of holly church, and the same mayntaine and defend to your power. You shal love your sovereygn above al earthly creatures: and for your sovereygn and sovereygnes right and

Their oath.

1553. dygnite, lyve and die. Yee shal defend wydowes, maydens and orphelyns in theyr ryght. Yee shal suffre no extortion as far furth as ye may; nor syt in place where any wrongful judgement shal be geven to your knowledge. And as grete honour be thys noble ordre unto you, as ever it was to any of your progenitours.”

Her triumphal  
passage  
through  
the city.

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The next day, September 30, Saturday, she came from the Tower through London to Westminster, riding triumphantly in an open chariot, to be seen. All the windows, as she passed, were garnished with cloth of tapestry, arras, cloth of gold, cloth of tissue, and with cushions of the same, flourishing with streamers and banners, as richly as might be devised; and in many places were goodly pageants, and devices therein, with musick and eloquent speeches. At the Little Conduit in Cheap, next to Paul's, stood the aldermen; where was presented unto the queen, by the chamberlain of London, in the name of the mayor and aldermen, 1000 marks in gold, in a purse. For which her highness gave them most humble thanks. The glory and splendor of this cavalcade through the city is described at large by Stow, and Hollingshed after him; and therefore I shall omit it: only where they are brief, or wholly silent, I shall give some relation. Immediately before the queen the sword was borne by the Earl of Arundel, lord steward of the queen's household (not the Earl of Oxford, as Stow); on the right-hand thereof the Earl of Oxford, lord great chamberlain; and on the left the Duke of Norfolk, earl marshal. Then the queen in her litter, richly garnished with cloth of gold, with two traps of white damask, and cushions, and all things appertaining. She herself was richly apparelled with a mantle and kirtle of cloth of gold, furred with mynever pure, and powdered ermins, having upon her head a circlet of gold set with rich stones and pearls: her footmen, with their rich coats, went about her grace on both sides.

In the first chariot, after the queen, sat the Lady



Elizabeth and the Lady Ann of Cleves. Then rode on horseback four ladies of estate, apparelled in crimson velvet, and their horses trapped with the same; and these great ladies were the Duchess of Norfolk, the Marchioness of Exeter, the Marchioness of Winchester, and the Countess of Arundel, who rode next the abovesaid chariot. Then followed a third chariot, and six ladies in crimson velvet carried in the same, viz. the Lady Stourton, Lady Lumley, Lady Wentworth, Lady Rich, Lady Paget, and Lady Mordaunt. Then next this chariot rode ten ladies and gentlewomen in crimson velvet, their horses trapped with the same, viz. the Lady Fortescue, Lady Petres, Lady Walgrave, Lady Bruges, Lady Mansel, Lady Kemp, Lady Clarentieulx, Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Grirangha (Gerningham, perhaps) and Mrs. Sturley. After them followed, also on horseback, nine other gentlewomen and maids in crimson satin, their horses trapped with the same. After them followed the queen's chamberers, viz. Mrs. Dormer, Mrs. Barkley, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Basset, Mrs. Sydney, Mrs. Bayneham, the mother of the maids, Jane Russel, Elizabeth Lugbure, Barbara Eyre, Elizabeth Scarloke.

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The ladies  
that fol-  
lowed the  
queen.

And thus was the queen conducted from her Tower of London to her palace of Westminster; and there she reposed for that night. On Sunday, October 1, the day of her coronation, in the morning, at a convenient hour, the queen took her barge, and landed at the Old Palace of Westminster, at the Privy Stairs, where all her estates gave their attendance: and from thence brought her unto the parliament-chamber, which was richly hung; and from thence to her privy chamber appointed for her highness; where she apparelled herself, and reposed with her ladies, till order was taken for her coming to church. The ray-cloth was laid from the marble porch in the hall to the pulpit in Westminster church; and the pulpit was covered with red worsted. The stage royal, from the choir to the high altar, garnished with cloth of

The cere-  
monies on  
the coro-  
nation-day

1553. gold, and cushions of the same. Then followed the order of proceeding from the hall to the church. When the queen came, she was assisted by the Bishop of Durham on the right-hand, and the Earl of Shrewsbury on the left; her train borne by the Duchess of Norfolk, assisted by the lord chamberlain, Sir John Gage. Then approached unto her highness the Bishop of Winchester, lord chancellor, *in pontificalibus*, with obeisance, and censed her, and after cast holy water. And all the rest of the bishops met her, mitred, and in their copes; and her chapel
- p. 37. also in copes of cloth of gold, singing, with three crosses and silver candlesticks, and holy water-stocks and censers, waiting on her to the Abbey church. All the ladies followed the queen to church, two and two, according to their estate. After some ceremonies performed, she walked into the four parts of the mount (a place prepared for her) shewing herself to all the people. Beside her the Bishop of Winchester stood, and declared to the people the purpose of the present solemnity, and with demand of their consent, in these words: "Sirs, here present is MARY, rightful and undoubted *inheritor*, by the laws of God and man, to the crown and royal dignity of these realms of England, France and Ireland. Whereupon you shall understand, that this day is prefixed and appointed, by all the peers of this land, for the consecration, inunction and coronation of the said most Royal Princess MARY. Will ye serve at this time, and give your good-will and assents to the said consecration, inunction and coronation?" Whereunto the people answered all in one voice, *Yea, yea, yea. God save Queen MARY.* The sermon was made by the Bishop of Chichester; who was esteemed, of all the bishops, the floridest preacher. Her highness being brought to her traverse, there being a pall holden over by these knights of the garter, the Lord Paget, Sir Thomas Cheyne, Sir John Gage, and Sir Anthony St. Leger, she was anointed by the Bishop of Winchester, and the crown set upon her

The bishop's  
speech to  
the people.

head by the said bishop, and other ceremonies performed, according to the ancient usage. And afterward the office of mass was begun by the same bishop. Lastly, the lords temporal and spiritual did their homage to the queen. The spiritual lords that now did homage, were the bishops of Winchester, London, Durham, Exeter, Ely, Coventry and Litchfield, Carlisle, Peterborough, Worcester, Chichester, and Landaff. 1553.

When all was done, her grace returned to Westminster-hall to dinner, it being now four of the clock and past. The Duke of Norfolk rode up and down the hall, being his place as high marshal. Here were present also the Earl of Darby, high constable of England; the Earl of Arundel, high butler; the Lord Burgany, chief launderer; Dymock, the queen's champion. All this ceremony was accompanied with the melody of all sorts of instrumental musick. The Earl of Devonshire bare the sword, the Earl of Westmoreland the cap of maintenance, the Earl of Shrewsbury the crown. The young Earl of Surrey was doer under the Duke of Norfolk, his grandsire. The Earl of Worcester was her grace's carver that day at dinner. The Lord Windsor served in another great office. There sat at several tables the Lady Elizabeth and the Lady Ann of Cleves. It was candle-light ere the dinner was concluded; and then the queen took barge, and departed. She dines in Westminster-hall.

The next day, being the morrow after her coronation, she made fourscore and ten knights; dubbed in her presence by the Earl of Arundel, high steward of her household: whose names are recorded in the Catalogue. Knights made.

The 4th of October, the Archbishop of York, and divers others, were carried to the Tower. For, presently after the coronation, certain commissioners sat at the Dean of St. Paul's house, where all that were tardy were summoned, and many were made prisoners; and sent some to one prison, others to another. Others were forced to buy their peace, by No. VII. Punishment taken upon delinquents.



1555. submitting to great fines; and others, by relinquishing their fees and offices granted them under King Edward.

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The  
queen's  
first parlia-  
ment.  
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The queen's first parliament began to sit on the 5th day of October (not the 10th, as the continuer of Fabian's Chronicle writes), and so Cooper and Fox, perhaps from him, and Bishop Burnet, in two places, probably taking his mistake from some of them. The parliament began with much formality, a solemn mass of the Holy Ghost being sung in Westminster church, according to the ancient custom. The queen rode thither in her parliament robes, and all her bishops and lords in their scarlet robes were attending, trumpets blowing afore them. Here she heard that mass, with two bishops waiting on her, one whereof delivered her the chapter and other things. After she had heard mass, they went to the parliament-house all together, the Earl of Devonshire bearing the sword, and the Earl of Westmoreland the cap of maintenance.

One publick act,  
explaining  
treason.

The first session lasted to the 21st of the said month; during all which time only three bills took place, whereof one only was made publick: the time, I suppose, being spent in hot contests and animosities, and such bills brought in as were not very acceptable. That act of this parliament that was made publick, seemed to proceed chiefly out of a partial favour to the Duke of Norfolk, but flourished with such expressions of the clemency which became princes, that it might be thought to proceed purely from the queen's care and tenderness of the lives of her subjects. For the duke had been a prisoner in the Tower all the last reign, and a little part of the former; a stiff papist, and one that had thrown out divers ill words of King Henry VIII.; as, that the king loved him not, and that because he was so well beloved of his country: he complained, he was not of that king's most secret council: he talked that his majesty was sickly, and could not long endure, and the realm was then like to be in an ill case through

diversity of opinions. For these, and such like words, he was committed a prisoner to the Tower, where he remained to the death of King Henry, and all King Edward's days, having been by the parliament attainted; which, nevertheless, was taken off the next sessions of parliament. And Henry Earl of Surrey, his son, for such like words, and the poor crime of assuming somewhat into his coat of arms, was actually beheaded; and so, some time before, had been the Marquis of Exeter, the Countess of Salisbury, and other papists. Now this speciously gracious act set forth, "How the queen called to her remembrance, that many honourable and noble persons, and others of good reputation, had lately, for words only, suffered shameful deaths, not accustomed to nobles; and therefore, of her clemency, and trusting her loving subjects were contented that such dangerous and painful laws should be abolished; and from henceforth no act, deed, or offence, that had been by act of parliament made treason, &c. by words, writing, signing, deeds, or otherwise, should be taken, had, or deemed to be high treason, petty treason, &c." But that none of those multitudes of King Edward's friends, or the Lady Jane's well-willers, or professors of the gospel, that were already taken up and crowded into jails, should receive benefit by this wonderful act of clemency, it was provided, That nothing in that act should in any wise extend to give any manner of benefit, advantage, or commodity, to any person or persons being the last day of September arrested or imprisoned for treason, or to any person heretofore being indicted of treason, petty treason, &c. before the last day of September; or, if they were not actually taken up, yet if they were so much as commanded to keep his or their house or houses, or other men's houses, or otherwise excepted out of the queen's most gracious pardon, given the day of her coronation, &c. All these should suffer such pains of death, losses, forfeitures of lands and goods, as in cases of treason.

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There was also another branch of this act, which

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was for evacuating all King Henry the Eighth's laws for incurring *præmunire*, which often curbed the clergy, and particularly, if they presumed to make any laws in convocation, without the king's special licence. This branch, therefore, seemed to be added to this act for restoring to the convocation, now ready to sit, its ancient power.

King Hen-  
ry's laws  
inveighed  
against.

But to make the better way for this bill to pass, many there were in the house that shewed themselves exceeding hot against the king's laws, especially such whose penalty was death. Some of these zealous speakers were of the queen's privy council, and others were lawyers, who by this their forwardness were made of her learned council. They inveighed against them as cruel and bloody laws; they termed them Draco's laws, which were written in blood. Some said, they were more intolerable than any laws that Dionysius, or any other tyrant, ever made. In conclusion, as many men, so many bitter names and terms those laws had. One would have thought, that when former laws were so resented for the pretended bloodiness of them, this reign should have been more tender of the lives of men. But there was little amendment; and when it pleased the higher powers now to call any man's life, or words, into question, there would be constructions, interpretations, and extensions, reserved to the justices' and judges' equity, that the party triable found himself in much worse case than before, when those cruel laws stood in force. Thus the amendment of this time was *out of God's blessing into the warm sun*, as Sir Nicholas Throgmorton said in open court, at his own trial, soon after. To which practice we may add, that great abundance of blood of the queen's peaceable subjects was shed, merely because they could not comply with what they believed to be error and false doctrine, as we shall read in the ensuing story.

Two pri-  
vate acts.

Of the same import were the two other private acts made this session; shewing thereby her favour towards those of the Roman persuasion, that had



suffered for their treasons under her father. For one of these was for the restitution of Edward Courteney, Earl of Devon, son of the Marquis of Exeter, beheaded; the other, for the restitution of the Lady Gertrude Courteney, widow to the said marquis. 1553.

A convocation accompanied this parliament. On the 26th of October (as a book printed by Cawood, giving account of the beginning of this synod, sets it down), or rather the 16th, did John Harpsfield, B. D. the Bishop of London's chaplain, open the convocation by a Latin sermon upon St. Paul's exhortation, Acts xx. "Take heed to yourselves, and to the whole flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers," &c. After he had named his text, and divided his matter he intended to treat of from it, he recommended his undertaking unto the people's prayers, and exhorted them, "First, to pray for the most Serene and Illustrious Queen, that what God had begun in her, and what he had begun in them by her, he would perfect; that he would confirm her in the kingdom, and confirm them in all good by her." Then he ran out in a large panegyric of her, saying, "That there were highly just causes why they ought to do this: for that which, after Olofernes's head was cut off, Ozias, the prince of the people of Israel, said to Judith, 'Blessed art thou, daughter of the most high God, above all women upon the earth: blessed be the Lord God, which hath created the heavens and the earth, which hath directed thee to the cutting off the head of the chief of our enemies: which this day hath so magnified thy name, that thy praise may not depart from the mouth of men, who have remembered the power of the Lord for ever. For whom thou hast not spared thy life, by reason of the straits and tribulation of thy nation, but hast prevented our ruin before the sight of our God.' This most truly agreeth to our queen. That which heretofore Queen Esther did for the Jews, that doth she at this present for us; 'that our mourning and sadness is turned into mirth and joy, that there may

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Harpsfield preaches.

His exhortation to prayer.

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His praises of Queen Mary therein;

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‘ be days of feasting and gladness, to send portions  
 ‘ of food to one another, and to give gifts to the poor.’  
 That which we read written of Deborah : ‘ The strong  
 ‘ ceased in Israel, and were at rest, until that De-  
 ‘ borah arose, a mother arose in Israel. The Lord  
 ‘ chose new wars ;’ which, a few words changed,  
 might be said thus most agreeably concerning our  
 right illustrious queen : ‘ Religion ceased in England,  
 ‘ it was at rest, until Mary arose, a virgin arose in  
 ‘ England. The Lord chose new wars.’ That which  
 our Saviour in the New Testament pronounced of the  
 sister of Martha, ‘ Mary hath chosen the best part,’  
 (thereby was intended a gentle reproof for the Lady  
 Elizabeth, the queen’s sister,) the same hath place  
 most truly in our most serene queen : for, since she  
 is sprung of the most famous stock of kings and em-  
 perors ; nor, as a great part of the nobility hath been  
 accustomed, hath she chosen the vain joys of perish-  
 ing things, but hath made choice of piety and purity  
 of life. And, being lately advanced to the kingdom,  
 she seeketh not her own, but hath chosen the things  
 which belong to the peace, to the profit, and benefit  
 of her people : she hath chosen learning, virtue, and  
 holiness. And for this she is elect and chosen of  
 God, and by him most gloriously magnified in our  
 eyes ; so that she may sing with the Virgin Mary, the  
 mother of God, ‘ Behold, from henceforth all gene-  
 ‘ rations shall call me Blessed ; because the Lord,  
 ‘ who is powerful, hath done to me great things, and  
 ‘ holy is his name.’ Her, our deliverer, let us most  
 diligently recommend in our prayers to God.” Thus,  
 even to blasphemy, did the popish clergy flatter their  
 queen.

Then he proceeded next to recommend to their  
 prayers the Lady Elizabeth, the queen’s sister, but  
 not a word of commendation for her : then the queen’s  
 counsellors ; next, the bishop of the diocese ; then the  
 Bishop of Winchester, lord chancellor, upon whom  
 he bestowed these praises : “ That in the beginning  
 of his episcopal function, he did stoutly labour in the

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Lord's vinyard, and in these latter years, being the Lord's prisoner, had most *constantly* (alluding, perhaps, to the feigned name he set before his book, *Marcus Antonius Constantius*) defended the Christian faith, by publishing admirably learned and Christian books, and, by the mercy of God, preserved it safe to them and the kingdom, among so many dangers; and at that present, by his wit, experience, learning, and virtue, most valiantly maintained, as well the difficult affairs of the kingdom, as the cause of Christ. Then he commended to their prayers the venerable Lord Cuthbert Tunstal, Bishop of Durham, who, as well for his grey hairs, as for his parts, piety, learning, experience of things, and sufferings for Christ, was highly to be respected. Then was recommended to their prayers the Lord Nicolas Hethe, Bishop of Worcester, and the Lord George Day, Bishop of Chichester, two excellent heroes, and noted for all vertuous qualities worthy of bishops; to whom it was given not only to believe in Christ, but to suffer for him." But I wonder how he came not to mention a word of the sufferings of his lord and master, Bonner, the Bishop of London, who was deprived and imprisoned as well as the rest; certainly that was a blameworthy omission.

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In his sermon he fell very foul upon the late times of King Edward, and the preachers then. He called them "Wolves that entered into the flock, and that most cruelly. Good God! how savagely did they butcher the Lord's flock? What numberless souls did they plunge into hell? How many pernicious doctrines did they bring into the kingdom? A thing (said he) before our age, none ever had dared to do. How did they give a terrible shock to all ecclesiastical doctrines at once? This (as he went on) we have lived to see in these times. Neither had ceremonies their use, nor faith its soundness and integrity, nor manners their purity. They framed new sacraments, new rites, a new faith, new manners. The sacred scriptures they thought were to be understood, not

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according to the consent of our elders, but according to the dreams of their own brains. What license did they give themselves? How many places of scripture did they corrupt? In what horrible precipices did they throw down both themselves, and as many as followed them? And because otherwise they could not procure to themselves authority, unless they slandered and laid false accusations to the charge of the catholic priests and bishops, they inculcated lies of them without number.—In fine, they had, in effect, ruined Christ's religion, and had filled the nation with innumerable errors. The gospel, which so frequently they had in their mouths, they fought against in an hostile manner, by their works, and their manner of doctrine."

Afterward he proceeded to direct to the course to reform these evils; and he told his reverend fathers and brethren, "That he thought it the wisest course to recall those ecclesiastical laws which had been made before; and that there was no need of their great labour and study to invent new canons. He exhorted, that such things might flourish which had been wholesomely instituted by their ancestors, and which had flourished before these innovations of things; which, being before observed, kept the people in their duty; but lately, being neglected, a case-ment was opened to heresy, schism, and to all licentiousness. Let these things flourish, I say, and then, even whether we will or no, we shall diligently mind ourselves and the flock. When he said, he would have the old canons take place, he meant not only, that by common consent they should be ratified, but that they should be practised actually in the clergies' manners, and in all their lives: for, what would it signify to have good laws constituted in the church, unless the lives of men were instituted according to them? Nor, indeed, had there been any time wherein bishops and priests ought more cautiously and diligently to lead their lives. That heresy was never so widely spread through this kingdom; never were the minds of

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men so prone to errors; never so bent to the liberty of the flesh; never so impatient of order and severe discipline: that unless they let their light shine before them by their example; unless by teaching, admonishing, exhorting, they reduced them to the things that were right; unless by priestly living they provoked the people to imitate them, he saw no hope of repentance left. And this he bespake his fathers and brethren the more diligently to do, because the Holy Ghost had made them shepherds of his flock. That theirs was not a trivial function, nor committed to them by man, but by the good and great God called to this office; and therefore called not to be lazy, not to indulge to pleasures, but to rule the church: and this was the office of a ruler, to be watchful, to take pains, to be industrious, and to instruct; not to be idle and addicted to pleasure.” 1553.

The church he had thus represented as in a very miserable condition, and therefore exhorted the bishops and priests to set to their hands to restore it; “That they should build up the tabernacle of God, and raise up again the city of David, which was fallen down; fill up the breaches of her walls, and repair the ruins: for the heathens, as he said, were come into God’s inheritance; they had polluted his holy temple; they made Jerusalem an orchard, nay, a stable. The vineyard of the Lord brought out of Egypt, all that went by plucked off her grapes; the boar out of the wood rooted it up, and every thing that was wild devoured it. The city that was full of people sat alone; the queen of the nations sat as a widow; the princess of the provinces was put under tribute: she lamented sorely in the night, and the tears ran down her cheeks; there was none to comfort her of all those that were dear to her. All her friends despised her, and became her enemies. All her persecutors apprehended her in the midst of her straits. The paths of Sion lamented, because there was none that came to the solemnity. All her gates were destroyed; her priests groaned; her virgins were in

1553. vile clothing; and she being oppressed with bitterness, had capital enemies. Her adversaries became rich, because the lord spake concerning her for the multitude of her iniquities." (Which words are borrowed from the Psalmist, and the prophet Jeremiah, to express the sad state of the Jews, under the havock the Babylonians made of that church and nation; as though the Church of England, reformed and restored under good King Edward, from the old papal corruptions and abominations, had been in the same case.) "And then he called upon the honourable lords, his reverend fathers and brethren, to comfort this church thus miserably afflicted, to rescue it so shaken, to heal it so wounded, to adorn it so foul and squalid."

In the first session of this convocation, all that was done, besides the sermon before said, was, that the bishops, by the mouth of Bonner, Bishop of London, did admonish the lower house to choose a referendary or prolocutor, and so adjourned. Dr. Hugh Weston, Dean of Westininster (that had some impediment in his speech, but otherwise a bold man, and that had never complied in the last reign, and in great favour with the queen) being elected by them for that office, was the next session presented to the bishops by William Py, Dean of Chichester, and John Wimsley, Archdeacon of London, both making their speeches. The Dean of Chichester mentioned, "How a consultation was taken in hand by them, *De rep. Christiana instauranda: i. e. Of restoring the Christian state*; which, as in time past, having been fortified with most sacred discipline, it brought with it a most happy state of all things: so that being now fallen into ruin, and by certain degrees overthrown at last, even to the very foundations, he thought it not enough to assert and bring in again the ancient and orthodox doctrine of the church, confirmed by the testimony of ancient canons, and learned fathers, unless they used all their endeavours, that the old, and now corrupted discipline of the church, might regain in all things its

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efficacy and strength. For, it could never come to pass, that the church should enjoy her entire honour and esteem, if they of the clergy, through ambition (as happened of late years) should basely serve some mens' insatiable covetousness; or if, while some sowed tares, and the plague of heresy, they of the clergy remained idle and inactive, as though they were fast asleep; or, lastly, as a great many had a long time done, indulged to their carnal pleasures and concupiscence. In so great a difficulty, the prudence of the reverend fathers knew, as well from the apostles, as by the most ancient custom of the church, no way was so effectual and seasonable, expedite and certain, as the authority of councils and synods. In which, for the more orderly and quiet proceeding, and for the preventing a confused noise of words, it was necessary, that some one should be chosen as a moderator. And so the bishops, he said, had directed them to do in their present synod. That they had therefore chosen one, whom his deep knowledge of the holy scriptures had commended to them, and so had his singular experience of things, his prudence and wisdom, and his pious and flowing elocution. But though these were great gifts of God, he would say with St. Paul, they should little avail, unless there were accompanying also (as there was in him) a great charity, a stead constancy, and an unshaken perseverance in bearing witness to the truth: and that when many foully complied, he, of a few, persisted, *integer et purus, pure and undefiled*; whom neither the glory nor the baits of those things which the world admired, could bring into the net, as it did many others: as neither could affrightments nor threats, which so much terrified the mean-spirited. Nay, that as the palm, according to Pliny, doth, as it were, gather strength against the weights that hang upon it, so he, above measure provoked with the spight of many, was so far from sinking under it, that by how much the more they assaulted him, so much the more he contemned them. He forbore, he said, to men-

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1553. tion this man's endowments of nature and study, lest he might seem to flatter; and so desired the bishops' approbation of him." And this was the sum of his speech.

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p. 44. Wimsley's speech, which next followed, was to this import: "That whereas they, the reverend fathers, by the Bishop of London, had, according to custom, enjoined them to meet together, and there to treat and conclude upon the choice of a referendary, which they commonly called a prolocutor, who might supply their places (that were of the lower house of convocation) and carry their minds and wills to their fatherhoods (of the upper house) they had accordingly obeyed their commands, and he (Wimsley) had been by the rest appointed to declare to their lordships what they had done; which was thus, in short: That in their company there were, he thanked God, many excellent persons, for curious wits, deep learning, admirable eloquence, singular experience and dexterity, and all kind of vertue; the plenty whereof did, at first, make some difficulty in their choice. As he that should come into a very pleasant field abounding in various flowers, with a design to make a garland, would be at a stand for a while what flowers to gather; so they, while for a time they weighed the wit of one, the learning of another, the vertues of all; and while they admired and loved all, they could scarce perform their business. And no wonder, since there was so great a number of them, that unless one only had been to be chosen, they were all most worthy of it. But since one only must be chosen, they made choice of one whom they certainly knew the bishops would approve of by their votes; for he was wonderfully and notably prudent, of much quickness and dexterity, most commendable for his learning and eloquence, and famous for all vertues; and that the name of Weston was renowned through all Britain; and him, therefore, they recommended to their lordships, to be approved by their authority and judgment." And so he ended.

Weston being accepted, he proceeded to make his harangue: "wherein he disabled himself, and preferred the rest of the synod before him, both for learning and eloquence: but he took it as the effect of their benevolence and good-will; which he thanked them for. He told the bishops, they were met together to consult for religion, the greatest and most sacred thing. They were met together to see a sad spectacle, the mournful countenance of their mother the church; which being miserably torn and shaken, they were come to restore; being assaulted with the darts of the enemy, shattered and almost brought to the ground, they came together to raise up again; to bring back the faith which was almost quite exploded, and to bring religion, laid waste, to its former health and soundness. But this was a thing which he needed not to admonish them to; nor was there any need to excite them to the restoring of sincere religion, who were intent upon it with so great alacrity of mind, that they went before him, and left him behind them: as they, the said fathers, were left behind, and surpassed by the queen, that out-ran them." Which was his transition into the praises of the queen; which he thus proceeded to set forth: "O! unheard of, and wonderful goodness of God! For never had any thing happened more strange, in such an heap of trouble, in such a swarm of afflictions, in such a ruin of the church, in such a shipwreck of faith, religion being in effect at an end: that a virgin queen, like some dove sent down from heaven, should be by the great and good God bestowed upon the virgin church; by whose conduct and influence all these miseries should be restrained, dissipated, and driven away. The straits of time, he said, would not allow him to enter into her praises; for why should he commemorate her various learning, which was rare to be found in man? Why her religion, which she preserved, as they say, *sarta tecta*? Why her truly masculine and undaunted mind? He appealed to them, if they had not seen her most constant in the greatest difficulties,

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in great matters bold, and most diligent in the least. What more happy presage or omen of the church's being restored to her native splendor and purity, could be shewn, than that it happened to the queen, by some kind of happy fate, to be crowned on that very day (viz. Oct. 1,) which was wont to be set apart to the dedication of churches? That she so earnestly set upon the restoring and purging the religion of the temple, as though she were born or given for this thing alone: that to this she so diligently devoted herself, that most deservedly she might equal, if not surpass, all the most pious emperors. The holy Emperor Theodosius thought nothing to be done to beat down the heretics sooner, than to fly to the ancient doctors of the church, who had flourished before the division; and so did the queen think and command in those her first attempts in purging the Lord's vineyard. Theodosius, the emperor, was wont to pray, that God would work together with him, among those differences of opinions, to choose the truth. And all know, but they that know not the queen, how ardently, day and night, she solicited God, that all, especially they that were English, whom she governed, might acknowledge the truth of the catholic faith, and being acknowledged, to love and embrace it.

Next, he made mention of the Emperor Constantine, that most constant assertor of religion, who calling all the bishops to Nice, did there maintain them at his own charge, and shewed such great reverence towards the heads of the church, that he sat not in a throne adorned with gold and gems, but in a seat less than others sat upon, placed in the midst of the bishops, as it were at their feet. And the queen, adorned with the gifts of God, as the heaven with stars, with the like, or greater reverence, did respect the bishops and all the clergy. Jovinianus was praised, that he asked Athanasius to give him in writing a perfect scheme of divine doctrines; how much more did the queen's name deserve eternal

honour, who had called together many Athanasiuses from all corners of the kingdom: and being called together, did admonish and command them to make up, as well in speaking, as in writing, the catholic faith, in miserable manner rent and torn; and when they should have thus mended and restored it, to defend and cherish it. Jovinianus, when he entered into the territories of the empire, first made a law, that the catholic bishops that were banished should return home; and that the churches should be restored to them, who had inviolably kept the faith. And so the good queen brought you, the celebrated prelates of England, thrown out of your sees into nasty prisons, and restored you to your own churches, with the mighty applause of the people. Most blessed England, that hath such bishops! and most blessed, you prelates, to whom it hath been given, not only to believe in him, but to suffer for his sake!

“Hear, you venerable bishops, the holy Bishop Chrysostom; hear, you imprisoned bishops, an imprisoned bishop, ‘Great is the dignity to be bound for Christ, greater than to reign, or to be consul,’ &c. Blessed are you for a prison, for chains, for bonds; blessed, I say, and thrice blessed, yea, oftener. You have reconciled to you the whole world: those that are a great way off, you have made your friends: your excellent actions, your fortitude, your constant judgment, are reported every where, by land and sea. A judgment-seat, which to some is terrible, affrighted you not; no, not the executioner, the multiplying of torments, threatenings that brought innumerable deaths, nor the judge that breathed fire out of his mouth: not the adversaries who gnashed their teeth, and used many other ways of insulting over you; not so many calumnies, nor the most impudent accusations, nor death daily set before your eyes; but rather, all these yielded you ample and sufficient matter of consolation.” (Oh! the confident face of this man, to tell to the bishops which they knew to be false, only to flatter them, when their lives were

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1553. never in the least danger, nor so much as called in question; and their imprisonment an easy restraint! But what direful expressions are here used? that had not every one known the gentle and kind dealing with these bishops, one would have thought that they had endured all the severest usage that ever the poor protestants suffered a little after at their hands.) He goes on: "Ye are not yet beheaded with John the Baptist, but yet have suffered far more bitterly: for it is not one and the same thing, in a short time to lose the head, and for a long while to struggle with such dolours, terrors, threats, bonds, carryings away, rapines of goods, hands of executioners, impudent tongues of sycophants, reproaches, jests and taunts."

After this, he comes "To beseech the bishops, in the name of the synod, that the ancient dignity and authority of the clergy of England might, at last, be vindicated and restored to that famous company of learned men there assembled. For why were the deans, the archdeacons, the divines, the lawyers, men that had their senses exercised in the scriptures, and meditated in God's law all their life, summoned from all parts of the kingdom, if their suffrages in their own convocation were of no weight? Why did they there lose their labour? Why were they there as so many shadows or spectres? For all things had been (before) done and transacted without their counsel or consent; but how happily and piously, the issue would shew. And that as to the book (of Common Prayer) stuffed with blasphemies, stored with errors, which, under the name of religion, took away religion, diminishing the sacraments, condemned the whole world: to the obtruding this book upon all, they (the convocation of the clergy) never gave their consent; and, for which, they did now congratulate themselves." The whole oration of this prolocutor, whereof these are some of the chief lines, I think, ought not, for divers reasons, to be lost; and



The Bishop of London made a concluding speech; saying, "He could not but much approve of all their doings, and praise their wits and their honesty: that they were men endued with prudence and sharpness, and were come together, not as many were wont to do, in a negligent manner, and in such sprinkling, as though they cared not whether they appeared or no, but with unanimous hearts; which was a step to an happy performance of the best actions: that they were not carried away with partiality, nor indulged to any private affection, which was a great hindrance to public actions; but were led with honest reasons, and set before their eyes that which was just, that which was right, pious, good, and that the public good: that they were men that prudently and seriously considered, not that which was agreeable to their pleasure or ambition, but what might profit the Christian commonwealth: and that they had chosen a man so learned, so ingenious, so eloquent, so catholic, so good, and, in a word, so worthy all praise, and so acceptable to all degrees, that what could they expect less, but great thanks from the bishops, and commendations from all the clergy and people, whom they had done such a good turn unto? and from God, whom by that act they had honoured, that great reward which was wont to be given to those that did good?"

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"That by the choice of this their referendary, this profit would accrue to them, that, according to his goodness and prudence, he would suggest to them nothing but what should be wholesom and very pious; and whatsoever he should suggest, he would happily handle, according to his candor, and the notable dexterity of his wit. And, lastly, according to the grace and favour he had with the queen, he would put a speedy and fruitful conclusion to what should be treated.

"Finally, he prayed them to go together with their referendary, and so to handle and dispatch what they should think fit and necessary to be taken

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In this synod there was great stir to restore the abandoned doctrines again, and especially those of the mass; yet some few learned and good men of the reformation here shewed themselves, that tightly disputed these points with them, viz. Philpot, Haddon, Aylmer, and one or two more, whose disputations may be read in Mr. Fox. At last, these four points were defined by the upper house, as I transcribed them out of a record of this convocation, which Archbishop Parker, as it seems, communicated to Mr. Fox: to be sure, the paper was in the possession of the said archbishop, on which are inserted these words by his own hand:

"Hæc in synodo episcoporum."

*De sacramento altaris.*

- Foxii MSS. IN sacramento altaris rite administrato docemur, ex verbis Christi post consecrationem sub speciebus panis et vini aqua mixti, veram et realem corporis et sanguinis Domini substantiam præsentem esse, et contineri. Et quoniam jam Christus dividi non potest, aut sanguis ejus a carne separari, quia amplius non moritur; ideo, credimus sub alterutra specie Christum integrum Deum et hominem contineri, et sub una specie tantum a fidelibus, quantum sub utrâq; sumi. Et, ideo, laudabilem consuetudinem communicandi laicos et clericos, non conficientes sub una specie ab ecclesia magnis rationibus introductam,

et hactenus diutissimè observatam, in ecclesiis nostris retinendam, nec sine auctoritate Ecclesiæ Catholicæ immutandam esse censemus. 1553.

*De transubstantiatione.*

Cum Christus illud unum sacrificium et singulare mysterium, quod instituit in ultima cœna, et a fidelibus sumi mandavit, corpus suum esse quod pro nobis traderetur, definivit, nos illud non solum panem esse, nec corpus Christi cum pane, aut in pane, esse credimus, nisi velimus panem vitæ appellare, qui de cœlo descendit. Et cum modus illic existendi sit per transubstantiationem et transitionem substantiæ panis et vini in substantiam Dominici corporis et sanguinis, remanentibus interim ob nostram infirmitatem et mysterii significationem panis et vini accidentibus; ecclesiæ pastores in Laterano (concilio) legitime congregati antiquam fidei catholicæ veritatem novo *transubstantiationis* vocabulo aptè expresserunt; quemadmodum patres Niceni Filium ejusdem cum Patre substantiæ esse novo *consubstantialis* vocabulo declararunt.

*De adoratione eucharistiæ et reservatione.*

Quoniam in eucharistia verum Christi corpus et verum sanguinem, totumq; adeo Christum esse confitemur, quomodo eum non adorabimus, qui nusquam apud Christianos, nec sine adoratione fuit, nec esse debuit? Et cum semel consecratum hoc sacramentum in usum infirmorum, ne sine communione discedant, (quod ex vetustissimis authoribus et conciliis constat antiquitus fieri consuevisse), manet tamen, quamdiu incorrupte supersunt species, sacramentum et corpus et sanguis Domini donec sumatur.

*De substantia sacrificii ecclesiæ, et ejus institutione, et a quibus, et pro quibus, et cui offerendum.*

Sanctam et vivificatricem et incruentam oblationem in ecclesiis celebramus, non unius nos



1553. hominisq; communis corpus quod offertur esse credentes, sed proprium factum omnia vivificantis verbi, simul medicamentum ad sanandas infirmitates, et holocaustum ad purgandas iniquitates existens; considerantes situm esse in mensa sancta Agnum Dei, qui tollit peccatum mundi, qui a sacerdotibus sacrificatur sine cruoris effusione. Quam Novi Testamenti novam oblationem a Christo institutam et doctam, ecclesia ab apostolis accipiens in universo mundo offert non angelis, aut martyribus, aut cuiq; sanctæ animæ, (ita enim, quum obligatio sacrificii ad latriæ cultum pertineat, idololatria esset), sed soli Deo Patri, Filio et Spiritui Sancto, quamvis apud memorias martyrum, et in eorum memoria, ut ipsi orent pro nobis, sacrificet, non pro hiis qui non sunt Christo incorporati, sed pro eis qui membra Christi sunt, pro tota ecclesia, pro regibus, pro sacerdotibus,
- p. 49. pro absentibus et præsentibus, pro defunctorum in Christo spiritibus; ut eorum peccatis propitius fiat Deus; pro plenitudine, pro ubertate, pro universi orbis fructibus, pro pace, et felici rerum statu, pro populi peccatis et ignorantiiis, pro salute sua, et quotidiana fragilitatis suæ reparatione; sciens quod tali hostia delectatur Dominus, et peccata dimittit ingentia.

Questions  
drawn  
thence to  
be disput-  
ed at Ox-  
ford.

Out of these doctrines were framed by this synod, three questions to be disputed on at Oxford, by some members of the same, and others, of both universities, against Archbishop Cranmer, Ridley and Latymer, who were sent down thither on purpose. These questions, as they are in the aforesaid MS. set down, are:

In sacramento altaris, virtute verbi divini a sacerdote prolati, præsens est, sub speciebus panis et vini, realiter verum et naturale corpus Christi, quod ex virgine natum est: item et naturalis ejus sanguis.

Post consecrationem non remanet substantia panis, 1553.  
neque ulla alia substantia, præter substantiam  
Christi, Dei et hominis.

In missa est vivificum ecclesiæ sacrificium pro  
peccatis, tum mortuorum, quam vivorum propitiabile.

To which was added a fourth, which yet was not  
disputed on : viz.

Ecclesia sancta catholica hominibus nota, non  
potest errare in his quæ sunt fidei ; neque  
generalia concilia eandem ecclesiam represen-  
tantia.

Observation was made by some, with what lofti-  
ness the bishops, as many as then were in convoca-  
tion (which were not above seven or eight) did carry  
it towards the lower house. For whensoever they  
were present, the rest of the clergy were standing  
and uncovered, how long soever it were : which Dr.  
William Turner, Dean of Wells (and, perhaps, then  
one of the synod) after the way of those times  
described it. “ If ye saw them, (the bishops) how  
slavely and bondly they handle the rest of the clergy  
in their convocation-house, ye would say, they were  
the pope’s right-shapen sons. For whereas there  
sitteth but seven or eight linnin-wearing bishops at  
the table in the convocation-house, if there be three-  
score pastors and elders, they are wool-wearers (he  
meaneth, like so many meek sheep.) As long as they  
tarry in the bishops’ convocation-house, so long  
must they stand before their lords, though it be two  
or three hours ; yea, and, be the weather never so  
cold, or the men never so sickly, bare-headed.”

The bi-  
shops carry  
it loftily to  
the inferior  
clergy.

Spiritual  
Physic.

On the 13th of December, the queen sent her  
mandate to Bonner, Bishop of London, forthwith to  
dissolve and break up this convocation, and to signify  
to the bishops, and the rest of the clergy, this her  
pleasure,

The convo-  
cation dis-  
solved.

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## CHAP. V.

Many taken up. Proceedings for religion in London, in Cambridge, and in Oxford. The parliament's second sessions. The return of the popish religion and worship. Bishop Ridley's leases. Ambassadors from the emperor.

1553.  
It soon appeared  
what was  
to be expected  
from Queen  
Mary.

THE gospellers saw already what they were to expect from this queen. When she came first to the crown, some had, indeed, entertained great hopes that she would not overthrow the religion, from the promises she made to those of Norfolk and Suffolk. And when she was declared queen at Oxford, the noblemen persuaded the university of the same. But what a severe reign this was like to prove, appeared by some of her first manifestations of herself among her subjects. For, no sooner was she proclaimed, but abundance of people were taken up, and brought before the council, and by them committed to prison; not only all that were in Queen Jane's business, but also that were suspected of any inclination to the gospel, or that had shewn any dislike of the present affairs, being fetched in upon some pretence or other.

Many professors and  
preachers  
taken up.

In the month of August, Rutler and Palden (beside some others mentioned before) were committed, one to the Marshalsea, and the other to the Counter, only for speaking certain words against Bourn's sermon at Paul's Cross; who therein had so indecently inveighed against good King Edward (who was so dear unto the people) and his proceedings, which they so much approved, that a dagger was thrown at him while he was preaching. In the same month, Fisher, parson of Amersham, was brought up by the high sheriff to the council, for a sermon he preached. Bradford, Veron, minister of Ludgate, and Becon, eminent preachers, were taken up and put into the Tower; Rogers, reader of



St. Paul's, confined a prisoner to his house. John 1553.  
 Melvin, a Scot, and preacher, sent to Newgate.  
 Symonds, vicar of St. Michael's in Coventry, sent for  
 up to the council, for something in his sermon against  
 the queen's proceedings; and Hugh Saunders, of the  
 same city, for the same cause. Coverdale, Bishop  
 of Exon, and Hooper, Bishop of Worcester, sent for  
 to the council, and committed. Dr. Cox, King  
 Edward's tutor, and Chancellor of Oxon, committed  
 to the Marshalsea. All this happened in the month  
 of August. In the month of September, father  
 Latymer was committed to the Tower, besides Cran-  
 mer, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Ridley, Bishop  
 of London; and many more, both of the laity and  
 the clergy; and, in October, the Archbishop of  
 York.

What was further done in London, in favour and  
 countenance to the popish religion, in order to the  
 introducing it, and extirpation of the gospel, may be  
 understood by what follows.

The parliament sitting, and the town being full, Preaching  
at Paul's  
Cross.  
 care was taken to put up men of the greatest vogue,  
 to preach the Paul's Cross sermons. The 15th  
 day, Dr. White, Warden of Winchester, preached  
 there. The Sunday following, the 22d day, Dr.  
 Weston, Dean of Westminster. And while these p. 51.  
 sermons were preaching, were great bars set up at  
 every gate in Paul's church-yard, to prevent the  
 breaking in of horses, and great throngs of people,  
 for fear of disturbance while the sermons were  
 preaching.

Fecknam was one of the great preachers in these Dr. Feck-  
nam  
preaches  
much.  
 times; and on Sunday, Nov. 5, he preached twice;  
 in the forenoon at St. Mary Overy's, by the com-  
 mand, as it seems, of Winchester, lord chancellor,  
 where were present a great and splendid auditory;  
 and, among the rest, the Earl of Devonshire (with  
 whom, I perceive, great care was taken to make him  
 a good catholic) Sir Anthony Brown (he that was  
 after Lord Mountague) Judge Morgan, and divers

1553. other noblemen; and, in the afternoon, at St. Stephen's, Walbrook (where Fecknam seems to have been incumbent;) where also were present several men of rank and eminency, as Sir Anthony Brown the judge, Sir Rowland Hill, Sir Richard Dobbs, Sir John York, aldermen of London. This seems to have been some great joyous day; and, as I conjecture, it was for the parliament's having established the popish religion, and rescinded all the acts made for religion under King Edward. But at this sermon of Fecknam, this afternoon, great displeasure was taken by many that heard it, which caused some disturbance; so that several were taken up, and sent, some to the mayor, and some to the Counter. On the Sunday sevenight after, being the 19th, the said Fecknam preached again at Walbrook with great applause; insomuch, that the journal writer of these days and transactions said, "That it was the goodliest sermon that ever was heard." The subject thereof was, "That the blessed sacrament was changed into the real body and blood of Christ, after the words of consecration."

Vitellius,  
F. 5.

Procession  
on St. Catharine's-  
day.

On St. Catharine's-day, at night, November 25, the churchmen belonging to St. Paul's went a procession about Paul's steeple, with five hundred great lights, and with St. Catharine carried with them, and much singing. It continued about half an hour; and when all was done, about six of the clock, all the bells of St. Paul's were rung.

White at  
Paul's  
Cross.

On the next day, being Sunday, Dr. White preached at Paul's Cross. The subject of whose sermon was in favour of *processions*, and that we ought to have them.

King Ed-  
ward's  
herse.

On the same day, viz. November 26, was a goodly herse for the late King Edward, hung with cloth of tissue, and a cross, and a *pax*, silver candlesticks, and thirteen beadmen holding of tapers burning. The *Dirge* was sung in Latin, and the mass of the morrow accompanied with great ringing.

On St. Andrew's-day, November 30, Dr. Bourn

preached a sermon at St. Paul's, with applause. <sup>1553.</sup>  
 After was a procession about the church in Latin, <sup>A process-</sup>  
 with an *Ora pro nobis*. And the morrow after an- <sup>sion on St.</sup>  
 other sermon, preached by Mr. Harpsfield, and pro- <sup>Andrew's-</sup>  
 cession, with the old Latin form. And a procession <sup>day.</sup>  
 again Wednesday after; and the like enjoined to be  
 observed throughout England.

December 8, there was another procession at St. <sup>An injunc-</sup>  
 Paul's. And when all was done, Bonner, the <sup>tion of the</sup>  
 bishop, gave out an injunction, that every parish <sup>Bishop of</sup>  
 church throughout London should provide a cross, <sup>London.</sup>  
 a staff and a cope, for to go on procession every  
 Sunday, Wednesday and Friday, to pray unto God  
 for fair weather.

December 9. A man was set on the pillory in <sup>p. 52.</sup>  
 Cheap, for seditious words against the queen's grace <sup>One pillor-</sup>  
 and her council. <sup>ized.</sup>

A day or two after the ending of the parliament, a <sup>A procla-</sup>  
 proclamation came forth, published through London <sup>mation for</sup>  
 and the whole kingdom, that, according to the pur- <sup>the popish</sup>  
 port of a late act of parliament, no man should sing <sup>usages.</sup>  
 the English service, or communion, after the 20th of  
 December; and that no minister that had a wife,  
 should minister, nor say mass. And that every pa-  
 rish should make an altar, and have a cross and staff,  
 and all other things necessary for mass and proces-  
 sion, as holy bread, holy water, palms and ashes.

And to let the protestants of the county of Nor- <sup>A Norfolk</sup>  
 folk know (whatever interest they imagined to have <sup>man set in</sup>  
 in the queen, on the account of their good merits to- <sup>the pillory.</sup>  
 wards her) that they must not expect any indulgence,  
 one Thomas Cobb, of that county, who had brought  
 a supplication and writing to her in parchment, signed  
 and sealed by an hundred inhabitants there, and  
 above, had his judgment in the Star-chamber, No-  
 vember 24, to be set on the pillory in London and in  
 Norfolk, on pretence that he had devised and forged  
 the said supplication. But to step a little back-  
 ward.

King Edward's laws were still in force for the use  
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Proceed-  
ings in  
Cambridge

of the Communion Book, being not, as yet, repealed by parliament. But the queen and her officers proceeded without any regard thereof, for the overthrow of the reformation. I will instance in the doings of the Vice-chancellor of her university of Cambridge, and of an archdeacon in the diocese of Ely. John Young (he that had made himself famous for contesting with Martin Bucer in the former reign) as a fit man for the purpose, was made vice-chancellor this year, and master of Pembroke-hall. Where I find (and by his means, I suppose) the mass begun early to be said, namely, in September. About which time, trouble came to one Mr. Garth, of Peter-house, because he would not suffer a boy of his house to assist in saying mass in Pembroke-hall.

Young vice  
chancellor.

Discharges  
one Pierson  
from his  
cure.

One Mr. Pierson, who had the cure of a parish in the town of Cambridge, continued to do as he used before, that is, to administer the communion in his church, receiving thereunto persons of other parishes; and being ordered to say mass, refused it. For this, on the 3d of October, the vice-chancellor admonished him, and within two days discharged him from ministering in his cure any more.

Puts out  
the master  
of Clare-  
hall.

Another thing this vice-chancellor did, was the displacing of Dr. Madew out of the mastership of Clare-hall; coming there in person, and thrusting in one Swinburn in his room, by virtue of letters from Bishop Gardiner, lord chancellor, and chancellor of the university: and that only because he was married; though that was no more than what was by law allowed. This was done October 26.

Cosin mas-  
ter of Ca-  
tharine-  
hall.

The said Gardiner wrote a short letter to the society of Catharine-hall, recommending Mr. Cosin to be chosen their master, in the room of Dr. Sandes, because he was married; and so they did.

Popish ser-  
vice in  
King's Col-  
lege.

October 28, the whole popish service, in Latin, was celebrated in King's College, by some zealous men of the house; though contrary to the laws then in force.

There was one Bovel, of this university, who being,

I suppose, to take a degree, or, perhaps, upon some other account, should have, according to the laws, sworn to the supremacy of the queen, and renounced the Bishop of Rome; but to him the vice-chancellor would not administer these oaths. Whereat one Thrackhold charged the vice-chancellor for acting contrary to law. But, on the other hand, he was of the vice-chancellor sharply reprov'd and threatened; and that was all he got for his labour. This happened the last of October.

1553.  
The oath  
of supre-  
macy wav-  
ed.  
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At the Round Church, in Cambridge, the curate still ministered the English service; but he was summoned, November 3, before the vice-chancellor, who commanded him to minister so no more, saying, that he would have one uniform order of service throughout the town, and that in Latin, with mass; and this order was established November 12, though the parliament appointed that the old form and order of service should begin but December 20 next ensuing. So forward was that university become, and so soon was the impression of the good precepts of Bucer, and other learned men there, worn off.

English  
service still  
at Round  
Church.

November 6, one Pollard preached at St. Michael's, and in his sermon spake for purgatory.

One  
preaches  
in favour  
of purga-  
tory.  
The arch-  
deacon vi-  
sits.

This for the university of Cambridge; now as to the county, the archdeacon visited by his official, and at Hinton, November 28, gave charge to present all such as did disturb the queen's proceedings; that is, either by letting the Latin service, or opposing the setting up of altars, or saying of mass. Thus were men required to do contrary to laws, and threatened to be punished for observing them.

Would we know now something of what was done at the other university of Oxford about this time? Bishop Gardiner took upon him, as Bishop of Winchester, to visit Magdalen College; partly, I suppose, to restore Dr. Owen Oglethorp, the president; who, in the former reign, was outed, and Dr. Walter Haddon placed in his room; and partly, and chiefly, to purge that college; which, of all the rest in that

Magdalen  
College  
visited by  
Bishop  
Gardiner.

1553. university, seemed most addicted to the gospel. The issue, in short, of this visitation was, that fourteen or fifteen of the house were turned out; and that before any papal laws were yet in force. Some of them were these that follow: Dr. Haddon, the president; Dr. Lawrence Humfrey, afterward president, and publick professor of divinity; Thomas Bentham, Thomas Bickley, both afterwards bishops; the latter of whom, before Oglethorp the president, and many others that were assembled to even prayer, took the wafer from the altar out of the pix, and broke it to pieces with his hand, and stamped it under his feet. This he did before the publick abolition of papism, which, no doubt, was now remembered against him. He being now expelled, went into France. Henry Bull was another, who, assisted by Bentham, openly in the quire shook the censer out of the hands of them that ministered, that incense might not be offered to an idol. He departed, and lived secretly at home. Others of them, were Michael Renniger, John Molins, Arthur Saul, Peter Morwin, Hugh Kirk, Luke Purefey; all, I think, exiles afterwards. Of this college were some others of great name for their learning and piety; I will mention three: John Fox, the martyrologist; John Harley, Bishop of Hereford; and Julinus Palmer, the martyr, who was pupil to the said Harley, and so was Dr. Humfrey.

Harley, Bishop of Hereford.

Invit. Juel. Of this Harley be it noted further, that just upon the death of King Henry VIII. and the access of King Edward to the crown, while all the university stood at maze, as it were, expecting which way religion would go, he boldly preached the doctrine of faith alone justifying, in a Lenten sermon in St. Peter's church: the doctors exceeding mad, and disturbed at it; others fearing what the event would be. The issue was, he was hurried to London as an heretic; but he escaped, and was preferred. He became, first, preacher to the Earl of Warwick, and instructor of his children; afterward the king's chaplain, and, lastly, Bishop of Hereford: in Queen Mary's reign,

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a poor preacher in woods, sculking up and down, and at last died, like a banished man, in his own country. Harley, when in the university, was noted for a florid man, and well seen in human learning. Leland hath a copy of verses to him; wherein he praiseth him for being a great admirer of Cicero, and the majesty of Virgil; and for having read over all the poets, and being a good poet himself. 1553.  
Encomia,  
p. 107.

But now let us look back a little to the second session of the queen's first parliament, which began October 23, or, as some, 24, and continued sitting till the 6th of December, and then the session of the parliament ended. During this session they did business to purpose; for in one single act they cut off and repealed, at a clap, no less than nine acts of parliament made under King Edward, all relating to reformation, viz. A second  
session of  
parliament  
  
An act for  
the over-  
throw of  
King Ed-  
ward's re-  
ligion.

First, An Act against such Persons as should unreverently speak against the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, commonly called *The Sacrament of the Altar*; and for receiving thereof in both Kinds.

Secondly, An Act for the Election of Bishops, and what Seals and Styles they and other Spiritual Persons exercising Jurisdiction Ecclesiastical should use.

Thirdly, An Act for the Uniformity of Service, and Administration of the Sacraments, throughout the Realm.

Fourthly, An Act to take away all positive Laws made against the Marriage of Priests.

Fifthly, An Act for the abolishing and putting away of divers Books and Images.

Sixthly, An Act for the ordering of Ecclesiastical Ministers.

Seventhly, An Act for the Uniformity of Common Prayer, and the Administration of the Sacraments.

Eighthly, An Act for the keeping of Holy Days and Fasting Days.

Ninthly, An Act made for the Declaration of a

1553. Statute made for the Marriage of Priests, and for the Legitimation of their Children.

And by this same repealing act, it was further enacted, that none should be molested for using heretofore, or until the 20th of December following, the divine service mentioned in the said act, nor for the using of the old divine service and administration of the sacraments, in such manner as was used in the Church of England before the making of the said acts. But from and after the 20th of December, no other kind or order of divine service should be used, but what was commonly used in the last year of the reign of King Henry VIII.

An act  
about the  
queen's  
courts.

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There was another public act now made, for the uniting, dissolving, or new erecting of courts; which was made out of good husbandry, I suppose; that so a less number of officers managing the queen's courts, thereby the queen's expences might be retrenched. In pursuance of this new act, and according to the power given her, she did, by letters patent dated January 23, in the first year of her reign, dissolve the Court of Augmentations; and the next day following, by other letters patents, united the same to the Exchequer. Which was utterly void, because she had dissolved the same before; so as she pursued not her authority, saith my Lord Coke, and so resolved by all the judges, Dyer, 4 Eliz. 16.

The private and unprinted acts made in this session were these:

Private  
acts.

An Act for the Restitution of Sir Edward Seymour, Son of the late Duke of Somerset.

An Act for the Corporation of Martin (Merton) College, Oxon.

An Act for the declaring the Attainder of the Duke of Norfolk to be void.

An Act for the Restitution of Marmaduke Custable. And,

Another Act for the Restitution of the Daughters of Sir Miles Partridge.

An Act repealing the Act made in the 5th Ed. VI.

for the Marquis of Northampton's Marriage. By 1553.  
which act of King Edward, a divorce from his former  
wife, and his marriage with a second, was confirmed;  
which now was evacuated.

This parliament was short-lived; and the reason thereof was this. The Spanish match was now all the talk; a thing most of all abhorred of the people, that a proud insulting Spaniard should come to be King of England; foreseeing the dismal issues thereof. As, that the realm was in danger of becoming tributary to a stranger, and to have the head of the realm put under the girdle of a foreign prince; and withal, they considered the great advantages that would ensue from the queen's marrying with one of her noblemen. Which things being deeply considered by the parliament, the house ran unanimously against this marriage; nay, and some also as were of her privy council; and they made an earnest address to her in this behalf. But she was resolved in her mind upon this marriage; and thereupon, for their pains, they were soon dissolved. Concerning this disinclination of the parliament, one who lived in that time, and, very probably was a member of the same, wrote thus: "Do you remember then (viz. in this parliament) the motion of the speaker, and the request of the commons' house, what they did, and could have moved then? and how they all ran one way, like the hounds after the hare, high and low, knights and esquires, and burgesses, such as were of the privy council, and others, far and near? Whom preferred they, I pray you, then, if they should have had their wish? the stranger, or the Englishman? And, think you, they did not consider her majesty's honour," &c. In this parliament I suppose it was, that when somebody in the house had endeavoured to reconcile the rest to this marriage, by shewing how safe the nation might make itself by bonds and covenants that this prince should enter into with the queen, a member of the house stood up, and asked this smart question: in case, said he, the bands should be

This parliament short-lived; and why.

Sir Thomas Smith, in one of his MS.



1558. broken between the husband and the wife, either of them being princes in their own country, who shall sue the bands? Who shall take the forfeits? Who shall be their judges? And what shall be the advantage? Which Sir Thomas Smith (from whom I have this relation) reckoned a shrewd question, and concluded no other answer could be given to it but this: "What advantage? None; but discord, dissension, war, bloodshed, and, either extreme enmity, or else, that one part must, at length, break or yield."

The people  
return to  
popery.

And why.

Exhorta-  
tion to the  
Cross.

After the overthrow of Northumberland, and this restoration of popery by the parliament, and the imprisonments and frowns that happened to the preachers and professors of true religion, and the apostacy of the rest, the ordinary people made use of all this as undoubted signs of the goodness of the popish religion, and the falseness of that professed under King Edward: for after this rate the common sort argued and discoursed at this time, as an author in those days brought them in speaking: "If this were God's word, if this people were God's children, surely God would then bless and prosper them. But now, in that there is no doctrin so much hated, no people so much persecuted as they be, therefore it cannot be of God. This is of God, which our queen and old bishops have professed: for how hath God prospered and kept them? What a notable victory hath God given to her! Whereas else it is impossible that things should come to pass as they have done. And did not that great captain (the Duke of Northumberland) confess his fault, that he was out of the way, and not of the faith which these gospellers profess? How many are come again from that which they professed to be God's word? The most part of this realm, notwithstanding the diligence of preachers to persuade them concerning this *new learning*, which now is persecuted, never consented to it in heart, as experience teacheth. And what plagues have come upon this realm sithence this *gospel*, as they call it, came in among us? Afore we had plenty, but now there

is nothing like as was. But to let this pass; all the houses of parliament have overthrown the laws made for the establishment of the gospel, and now laws are erected for the continuance of that which is contrary, and was had before. All these things do teach plainly, that this doctrine is not God's word." 1553.

But that author, who, I believe, was Coverdale, shewed what false reasoning this was, to argue from worldly success: "If they considered (said he) that there was with us unthankfulness, no amendment of life, but all kind of contempt of God, all kind of shameless sinning against the preaching of the gospel, they must needs see that God could not but chastise and correct. That as he let Satan loose, after he had bound him a certain time, so, for men's unthankfulness, and to punish the same, he had let those champions of Satan run abroad to plague us by them. The true reason of this change

—As for the victory given to the queen's highness, if men had any godly wit, they might see many things in it: first, that God hath done it to win her heart with kindness unto the gospel; and as well, because that they that went against her put their trust in horses and power of man, and not in God, as because, that in their doctrine (doings) they sought not the propagation of God's gospel: which thing is easily now seen by the confession of that captain (the duke aforesaid); his heart loved popery, and hated the gospel. Besides this, men may easily see, he was purposed never to have furthered the gospel; but so to have handled the livings of ministers, that there should never have been any ministry in manner hereafter. And what one of the counsellors, which would have been taken as gospellers in our good king's days, declare now, that even they loved the gospel? Therefore, no marvel why God fought against them. They were hypocrites, and, under the cloak of the gospel, would have debarred the queen's highness of her right; but God would not so cloak them. Now for the relenting, returning, and recanting of some from that which they have once professed or preached,

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1553. alas ! who would wonder at it ? for they never came to the gospel but for commodity and gain's sake, and now for gain leave it. As for the parliament, and statutes thereof, no man of wisdom can think otherwise, but that look what the rulers will, the same must there be enacted. But it goeth not in those houses by the better part, but by the bigger part : it is a common saying, and no less true, *major pars vincit meliorem.*" This was the sense of pious men in those days, in respect of the present change of religion.

Popish service in Paul's.

Fabian.

According to the liberty granted by the foresaid act of parliament, popish religion began to be exercised every where, according as people stood affected ; so it was in Paul's church, London. On St. Katharine's Day, after evensong, began the choir of Paul's to go about the steeple singing with lights, after the old custom. On St. Andrew's Day they began the procession in Latin, viz. the bishop, curates, parsons, and the whole choir, with the mayor and divers aldermen, and the prebendaries in their grey amisses ; and so continued three days. And also, January 14, began the procession of the Sundays about the church, with the mayor and aldermen in their cloaks, and the preacher taking his benediction in the midst of the church, according to the old custom.

Scripture verses wiped out of the churches' walls.

Declarat.

And this was intended as a good pattern for the other churches in London and Southwark to follow. And, among the other points of the popish reformation of the churches, the verses of scripture that were wrote on the walls, for suitable instructions to the people for their reverent behaviour when they resorted thither, were appointed to be all washed out and defaced, by the commandment of Gardiner and Bonner. This Bale, after his manner, thus related : " God required, ' Thou shalt write them (saith he) ' upon the posts of thine house,' &c. Now comes Parson *Peacock's-tail*, wily Winchester, and Dr. *Fig-after*, puffed up like a bladder, and panting like a porklet, commanding them to be wiped out of the churches, as things not pertaining to the same."



For Bonner, that had been deprived from his see of London under King Edward, was soon restored again upon the coming-in of Queen Mary; and Ridley, that took his place, turned out: and Bonner enjoyed safely his bishoprick again. This would not serve his turn; but he would not allow of any of the leases that Ridley had made while he was bishop; pretending himself thrust out unjustly, and his deprivation illegal, and therefore null; and so reputed himself, during all the time that Ridley possessed the see, to be lawful bishop, and reckoning all the tenants admitted by Ridley into lands of the bishoprick to be intruders, and so, without any regard to the fines and rents that they had paid, taking them into his hands and letting them to others. Therefore, in this first year of the queen, he made a lease of the park and manor of Bushley to Letchmore, which Ridley had granted and leased before to Car: this begat a notable suit at law, which is set down in Bulstrode's Reports, where it is thus reported: That Bonner was Bishop of London in the time of Henry VIII. and so he continued unto the second of Edward VI.; at or about which time a commission issued out to the then lord chancellor and others, to convent Bishop Bonner before them, and to examine him; and if they found him to be contumacious, and would not answer them, the commissioners were empowered then to imprison him, or to deprive him. The commissioners did imprison him, and after, deprived him. Bonner from this appealed, and his appeal was not heard. Nicholas Ridley was made Bishop of London; who makes a lease of the said park and manor of Bushley, under which lease the defendant claimed. After, *primo Mariæ*, Ridley is declared to be an usurper; and Bonner, by a sentence definitive, is restored again to the bishoprick of London, and makes a lease of the premises demised unto the plaintiff. But, upon verdict, the points stirred were these:

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Bonner  
allows not  
of Ridley's  
leases.

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A lawsuit  
hereupon.

I. Whether the deprivation of Bonner was lawful, or not; the authority by the commission being in the

1553. disjunctive, *scil. to imprison, OR to deprive?* And it was urged, they first imprisoning of him, had thereby executed their authority; and so then the deprivation was void.

II. Admitting the deprivation void, then Bonner still continued Bishop of London; and then Ridley was never bishop: for that there could not be two bishops of London, *simul et semel*. And so the lease made by him to the defendant was a void lease.

III. Admitting the deprivation good, then *quid operatur* by the appeal? Whether it did not suspend the sentence of deprivation? And, if so, then again Ridley was no lawful bishop. And so the lease which the defendant claimed was void.

The case was learnedly argued by the common lawyers, and also by civilians; and the judges inclined to be of opinion for the plaintiff: but the defendant perceiving this, preferred his bill in Chancery, and there obtained a decree against Letchmore. This case was shewn me by the late reverend and learned Baron Letchmore, deceased, descended of that Letchmore to whom Bonner made the said lease; and then he told me moreover, that there was a bill put up in the parliament under Queen Mary, that all Ridley's leases might be void; but it would not pass.

The emperor sent ambassadors about the match.

But now let us see how the Spanish match proceeded, to which the people of the land, by this parliament, had declared so great dislike. The queen's mind having been already well perceived by the emperor how she stood affected towards it, a little before Christmas he dispatched from Bruxelles a formal and splendid embassy hither, to treat about and conclude it. His ambassadors were, his admiral, Count D'Egmont, Prince of Gaurel; Charles Count De la Laing, governor; Captain-General and Grand Bailly De Saynnau, who were of the order; Jehan de Montmorancy, Sieur de Corriers, and Philip Nigri, counsellor, and ordinary master of requests of the emperor's household, and chancellor of the order. These,

with the emperor's ambassador resident, were instructed to treat jointly upon making an alliance by this marriage. By these ambassadors the emperor sent a letter, dated from Bruxelles, December xxi. to Winchester, lord treasurer (who was, no question, to be gratified to forward the match), praying him to give credence to his ambassadors, as to himself, who had charge to speak something to him on his part, concluding, "*De vous assurer que vous trouverez envers vous toute entiere et cordiale affection. Priant, mon cousin, nostre Seigneur vous avoir en se garde, &c.*"

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Winter was admiral of the fleet that brought over this splendid embassy; to whom, as a gratuity, the emperor sent a fair chain, which the said ambassadors presented him from their master: which, when Winter soon after had shewn to Sir Nicholas Throgmorton (one concerned in Wyat's plot, of which we shall hear hereafter), he told him, "For this gold chain you have sold your country." As Count Egmont, and the rest of the ambassadors, passed through Kent towards London, the Kentish men (who dreaded the issue of this match with Spain) supposing him to be Prince Philip, were upon the point of making a mutiny, and began to stir against him and his train.

Winter admiral.

On the 2d of January the King of Spain's ambassadors landed at Tower-wharf, during whose landing there was great shooting of the guns. The Lord William Howard, lord deputy of Calais, was their safeguard to London, and rode along with them through the city. In Fenchurch-street they were met by the Earl of Devonshire, and divers other persons of quality, who rode with them unto Durham-place, which was appointed for them, where they alighted. The next day, the lord mayor and the chamberlain of London waited upon them, and presented them with many great gifts of provision for their tables, of food and wine. On the 9th day, the ambassadors and all the council dined at the lord chancellor's, where he

Spanish ambassadors arrive.



1553. treated them with a magnificent dinner. The day following they rid to Hampton Court: there they had great cheer, and hunted the deer, and were so greedy of their destruction, that, it seems, they gave them not fair play for their lives; for, as the journal-writer expresseth it, "they killed tag and rag with hands and swords." On the 15th day of this January, the lord mayor and the aldermen went to Westminster to the court; to whom, and many others present, the lord chancellor made a declaration, that the queen was minded to marry with the Prince of Spain: by which the realm would partake of great benefits coming in to them; shewing, that the said prince was not to meddle with the public affairs of the state, but the queen's great council of the realm, as before was accustomed.

Winches-  
ter declares  
the match  
with Spain.

Crome and  
Hadding-  
ton com-  
mitted.

Dr. Crome, an ancient and an eminent London preacher, and parson of St. Mary Aldermary, for preaching on Christmas Day without license, was sent to the Fleet, January 13. And, the next day, one Mr. Haddington, a wealthy citizen, dwelling in Budge-row, was carried to the Tower; and all his goods, both at his house and in the country, were seized on for the queen: his crime was, for professing, as it seems, certain heretical doctrines.

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Lord Rob.  
Dudley ar-  
raigned.

On the 22d of January, the Lord Robert Dudley, another of the late Duke of Northumberland's sons, was arraigned at Guildhall for treason, and cast the same day.

A proces-  
sion on St.  
Paul's Day.

On St. Paul's Day, January 25, there was a goodly procession at St. Paul's, with fifty copes of cloth of gold, and *Salve Festa Dies* sung, and a mass. And the same day, at evensong, Mr. Feckenham was made a prebendary there.

## CHAP. VI.

Mr. Underhill's sufferings for religion. His own relation of them.

**M**ENTION was made before, how rigorously this reign began, in taking up, and committing to prison, such great numbers of people. Among these was Mr. Underhill, a remarkable man, of whom some things were spoken elsewhere, under the year 1548. To his lot, among the rest, it fell to be summoned in August before the council then sitting at the Tower, and by them to be sent to Newgate, for a ballad he had made, being a witty and facetious gentleman, wherein were some strokes against the papists. This was immediately after the proclaiming of the queen at London, she being then in Norfolk. Of the sufferings of this man I shall here give some account, out of the relation that himself wrote and sent to Mr. Fox; because, herein many historical passages of this time may be observed, and with what rigour matters were then carried. For (to fetch this matter a little higher) this gentleman had, in the former king's reign, divers disputes at Calais with Sir Edward Hastings, one of the band of pensioners to King Edward, and master of the horse to this queen. The Earl of Huntingdon, his brother, went over general of six thousand men, and Underhill went with him in the place of comptroller of the ordnance. The earl being visited with sickness, Underhill diverted him, partly by playing and singing to the lute, which he did well, and partly by affording him the satisfaction of hearing him reason with his brother in matters of religion. His brother would be very hot, when Underhill did overlay him with texts of scripture concerning the natural presence of Christ in the sacrament; and would swear great oaths, specially *by the Lord's foot*, that after the words spoken by

Underhill  
writes a  
ballad.

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1553. the priest, there remained no bread, but the natural body that Mary bare. Nay, then it must needs be so, would Underhill say, if you prove it with such oaths. Whereat the earl would laugh heartily, saying, Brother, give him over; Underhill is too hard for you. Wherewith he would be very angry. He took the greatest hold of the third chapter of St. John, upon these words: "And no man ascendeth up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven; that is to say, the Son of Man which is in heaven." He drew Hastings from the 6th of St. John, and all other places which he could allege; but from this he would not be removed, affirming, that those words proved his natural body to be in heaven, and in the sacrament also. Underhill told him, he as grossly understood Christ, as Nicodemus did in the same place of *being born again*; and that, in his opinion, any man that was not given up of God, might be satisfied concerning the natural presence in the Supper of the Lord, by the gospel of St. John, reading from the first chapter unto the end of the 17th, with the witness of the first of the Acts of the Apostles, of Christ's ascension and coming again (if ever he will be satisfied) without the help of any doctors.

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Called before the council for it.

The grudge that Sir Edward Hastings took at these former discourses, stuck so close to him, that Underhill did conclude this was the cause of his apprehension. The ballad above mentioned was brought to the hands of Secretary Bourn, as it seems, by the said Sir Edward. The secretary immediately sent the sheriff of Middlesex, with a company of bills and gleves, to fetch him, and to bring him before the council at the Tower. Being brought before them the next day, there were sitting the Earl of Bedford, who sat chiefest, the Earl of Sussex next him, the Earl of Arundel, the Lord Paget, Sir Richard Southwel: by them stood Sir John Gage, constable of the Tower, the Earl of Bath, Sir John Mason; and at the table's end stood Sergeant Morgan (that a little after died mad) and Secretary Bourn.



The examination of, and discourse with, Underhill, was thus, as I extract it from his own narration thereof. “Come hither, sirrah, (saith the Earl of Bedford). Did not you set forth a ballad of late in print? I kneeled down, saying, ‘Yes, truly, my lord. Is that the cause I am called before your ‘honours?’—Yea, marry, (said Secretary Bourn.) You have one about you, I am sure. ‘Nay, truly, ‘have I not,’ said I. Then took he one out of his bosom, and read it over distinctly, the council giving diligent ear. When he had ended, ‘I trust, my ‘lords, said I, I have not offended the queen’s ‘majesty in this ballad, nor spoken against her title, ‘but maintained it.’—No! Have, Sir, said Morgan? Yes, I can divide your ballad, and make all distinction in it, and so prove, at the least, sedition in it. ‘Yea, Sir, said I, you men of law will make of a ‘matter what ye list.’—Lo! said Sir Richard Southwel, how he can give a taunt! You maintain the queen’s title with the help of an arrand heretick Tyndal. You speak of papists there, Sir, said Mr. Mason. I pray you, how define you a papist? I looked upon him, turning towards him, for he stood on the side of me. ‘Why, Sir,’ said I, ‘it is not long ‘since you could define a papist better than I.’ With that, some of them secretly smiled, as the Lord of Bedford, Arundel, Sussex and Paget. In great haste, Sir John Gage took the matter in hand. Thou callest men papists there, said he. Who be they that thou judgest to be papists? ‘Sir,’ said I, ‘I ‘do name no man; nor I come not hither to accuse ‘any; nor none I will accuse. But your honour ‘doth know, that in this controversy that hath been, ‘some be called papists, and some protestants.’ But we will know whom thou judgest to be papists; and that we command thee, upon thine allegiance, to declare. ‘Sir,’ said I, ‘if you look among the ‘priests in Paul’s, ye shall find some old mumpsimus’s there.’ *Mumpsimus’s!* knave, said he; *mumpsimus’s!* Thou art an heretick knave, by God’s

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blood. Yea, by the mass, says the Earl of Bath, I warrant him an heretick-knave, indeed. ‘I beseech your honours,’ said I, speaking to the lords, that sat at the table (for those others stood by, and were not of the council) ‘be my good lords; I have offended no laws; and I have served the queen’s majesty’s father and her brother long time: and, in their service, have spent and consumed part of my living, never having, as yet, any preferment or recompence, and the rest of my fellows likewise, to our utter undoings, unless the queen’s highness be good unto us. And, for my part, I went not forth against her majesty, notwithstanding I was commanded; nor liked those doings.’ No! but with your writings you would set us together by the ears, saith the Earl of Arundel. He hath spent his living wantonly, saith Bourn, and now saith he hath spent it in the king’s service; which I am sorry for. He is come of a worshipful house in Worcestershire. ‘It is untruly said of you,’ said I, ‘that I have spent my living wantonly: for, I never consumed no part thereof until I came into the king’s service; which I do not repent, nor doubted of recompence, if either of my two masters had lived. I perceive you are Bourn’s son, of Worcester, who was beholden unto my Uncle Wynter; and, therefore, you have no cause to be my enemy. Nor you never knew me, nor I you, before now; which is too soon.’ I have heard enough of you, said he. ‘So have I of you,’ said I; ‘how that Mr. Sheldon drave you out of Worcestershire for your behaviour.’

Ordered to  
Newgate.

“With that came Sir Edward Hastings from the queen, in great haste, saying, ‘My lords, you must set all things apart, and come forthwith to the queen.’ Then said the Earl of Sussex, have this gentleman unto the Fleet, until we may talk further with him: although I was *knave* before of Mr. Gage. To the Fleet, saith Mr. Southwel? Have him to the Marshalsea. Have the heretick-knave to Newgate, saith Mr.

Gage again. Call a couple of the guard here. Yea, 1558.  
 saith Bourn, and there shall be a letter sent to the  
 keeper, how he shall use him: for, we have other  
 manner of matters (to lay) to him than these. ‘So  
 ‘had ye need,’ said I, ‘or else I care not for you.’  
 Deliver him to Mr. Garret, the sheriff, said he, and  
 bid him send him to Newgate. ‘My lord,’ said I,  
 unto my Lord of Arundel, for that he was next to  
 me, as they were rising, ‘I trust you will not see  
 ‘me thus used, to be sent to Newgate. I am nother  
 ‘thief nor traitor.’ You are a naughty fellow, said  
 he; you were always tooting in the Duke of North-  
 umberland’s ears, that you were. ‘I would he had  
 ‘given better ear unto me,’ said I; ‘It had not  
 ‘been with him then as it is now.’ Mr. Hastings  
 passing by me, I thought good to prove him, although  
 he threatned before now. ‘Sir,’ said I, ‘I pray you  
 ‘speak for me, that I be not sent unto Newgate,  
 ‘but rather unto the Fleet, which was first named.  
 ‘I have not offended. I am a gentleman as you  
 ‘know, and one of your fellows, when you were of  
 ‘that band of the pensioners.’ Very quietly he said  
 unto me, I was not at the talk, Mr. Underhill, and  
 therefore I can say nothing to it. But, I think, he  
 was well content with the place I was appointed to.

“So went I forth with my two fellows of the guard, who were glad they had the leading of me, <sup>Conveyed to the sheriff.</sup>  
 for they were great papists. Where is that knave, the  
 printer, said Mr. Gage? ‘I know not,’ said I.  
 When we came to the Tower Gate, whereof Sir John  
 A Bridges had the charge, and his brother Mr.  
 Thomas, with whom I was well acquainted, but not  
 with Sir John, who seeing then two of the guard  
 leading me without their halbërts, his brother said  
 unto me, I am sorry you should be an offender,  
 Mr. Underhill. ‘I am none, Sir,’ said I; ‘nor  
 ‘I went not against the queen.’ I am glad of that,  
 said he. And so forth we went at the gate; where  
 was a great throng of people to hear and see what  
 persons were committed. Amongst whom stood my



1553. friend Mr. Ive, the high constable, my next neighbour. One of the guard went forth at the wicket before me, to take me by the arm, the other held me by the other arm; fearing, belike, I would have shifted from them amongst the people. When my friend saw me thus led, who had watched at the gate all the forenoon, he followed afar off, as Peter did Christ, to see what should become of me. Many also followed; some that knew me; some to learn what I was: for that I was in a gown of sattin. Thus passed we through the streets, well accompanied, unto Mr. Garret, the sheriff's house in the Stocks Market. My friend, Mr. Ive, tarried at the gate. These two officers of the guard declared unto Mr. Sheriff, that they were commanded by the council to deliver me unto him, and he to send me unto Newgate; saying, Sir, if it please you, we will carry him thither. With that I stepped up unto Mr. Sheriff, and taking him a little aside, requested him, that forasmuch as their commission was but to deliver me unto him, and he to send me unto Newgate, that he would send me by his officers; for their request was of mere malice. With a good-will, said Mr. Sheriff. Masters (said he) you may depart: I will send my officers with this gentleman anon, when they be come in. We will see him carried, Sir, said they, for our discharge. Then the sheriff said sharply unto them, What, do you think that I will not do the council's commandment? You are discharged by delivering him unto me." With that they departed.

Sent by the  
sheriff to  
Newgate.

But to take up the rest of this narration more concisely. The sheriff was very courteous to him at his house, and appointed two of his officers to convey him to Newgate; but to go a pretty distance behind him, without halberts in their hands, that the less notice might be taken of him. The Lord Russel, the Earl of Bedford's son and heir, was now a prisoner at the sheriff's house; who, through a window, that looked into the hall, seeing Underhill, was very sorry for him, and sent twenty shillings after

him to Newgate; and every week sent him as much, while he remained there. For there had been a great familiarity between them formerly, in matters of religion, as well as on the other side the sea, as at home. And Underhill once saved his life, being by some chance cast into the Thames, in a cold season of the year, near Limehurst, where the said Underhill dwelt; carrying him to his house, and getting him to bed, being in great peril of his life. Being thus in Newgate, he sent for his gown, his Bible, and his lute; and was the first person committed to that prison for religion. One at his first coming to prison, who knew him, and had been a soldier beyond sea, told him, that he must conceal his being a protestant from the keeper, whose name was Alexander, and his wife; for that they would use such very hardly. He told him, that he had sent for his Bible, and, by God's grace, therein should be his daily exercise, and that he would not hide it from them. Then the other told him, that they loved musick very well. Therefore advised him, that he with his lute, and the other playing with him on his rebyke, would please them greatly; for they loved to be merry, and drank wine. And that if he would but give them every dinner and supper a quart of wine and some musick, he should be their white son. Whose counsel he took, and had their favour.

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Sends for  
his Bible  
and lute.

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After having been here a fortnight, he fell sick of a burning ague; and such favour he obtained at the hands of the keeper and his wife, that they allowed him to change his lodgings several times, because of the noise of the prisoners, and the evil savours. And at last she offered him her store-chamber (where none ever lay) though there were plate and money there in abundance: so much friendship did he find at their hands, notwithstanding they were spoke unto by divers papists to be severe with him; and particularly, the Woodmongers of London, with whom he had had a great conflict, presenting them (as before was said) for false making of billets. They bad the keeper lay

Falls sick.

1553. Dr. Record visits him. irons upon him; for that he was the greatest heretick in London. One Record, a doctor in physic, and very learned, ventured to come several times to visit him in prison, to his great peril, if it had been known; who was at charges and pains with him gratis. By whose means, and God's providence, he recovered his health.

Delivered out of prison.

His wife now, during his sickness, put up a supplication to the council for his deliverance, putting in sureties for his forthcoming, to answer further, when he should be called; which was obtained by the means of Mr. John Throgmorton, being master of the quests, and his countryman and kinsman. He took a time when his enemies were absent, and obtained a letter to the keeper subscribed by the Earl of Bedford, Earl of Sussex, Winchester, Rochester and Walgrave. So they got an horse-litter, and brought him home to Limehurst: but was reduced to that weakness, that he was not able to bear the going of the horse; so they were fain to go very softly, and stand still oftentimes. His wife and friends lamented, thinking he could not live till he came home. But he was so beloved, that it was two hours before he got from Newgate to Aldgate, by reason of the pressing of friends and acquaintance that resorted to him by the way.

Removes to several places, for his safety.

It was near two months before he recovered his health again. And then, for prevention of the trouble, that evil neighbours might again bring him into, removed from Limehurst; there having been placed a notable spy there, in that parish of Stepney, to take notice of such as came not to church, or otherwise in all things complied not with the superstitions of the Roman church: as there were also several such in other parts of the city and kingdom. Thence he removed to Wood-street; where there being a diligent search made for all suspicious books, he sent for a bricklayer, and built up a wall in his chamber against the place where the books were, and so inclosed them, securing them from the danger of being taken, and preserving them for himself against better times.



Thence, after a year or two, he removed again into the country, and dwelt by a wood-side near Coventry. 1553.

But all this hard reign, by the providence of God, he continued in his place at the court, and had his pension paid him; though his being so eminent and active a man in the former reign, made him well known now, and often heaved at. When, upon Wyat's coming to Southwark, the pensioners were commanded to watch in armour that night at court; hearing of it, he thought it his best course to be there, lest by his absence he might have some quarrel picked with him; at least be struck out of the book for receiving any more wages: therefore he was with the rest upon duty at the court. One Norrys, who was gentleman usher of the outer chamber to King Henry and King Edward, always a rank papist, was now preferred, because he was so, to be chief usher of Queen Mary's privy chamber. He was appointed to call the watch, to see if any were lacking: unto whom the clerk of the check delivered the book of their names; which Norrys perused before he would call them: and seeing Underhill's name, he said to the clerk, "What doth he here?" He answered, He is here ready to serve as the rest be. "Nay, by God's body," saith he, "that heretick shall not be called to watch here;" and so calling for a pen, struck out his name out of the book. The clerk of the check telling him this, Underhill, taking his man and a link, went home, being glad thereof; being not yet recovered of his sickness caught in prison.

When Wyat was come about, Underhill, notwithstanding his discharge by Norrys, put on his armour, and repaired to the court, where he found all his fellows in armour in the hall, which they were appointed to keep that day. After this service was over, when the gentlemen pensioners did notably guard the queen's person, when other, for fear, fled away, he went home to his house, keeping himself close, and coming seldom to the court, until the marriage was concluded with King Philip.

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Struck out  
of the band  
of the pen-  
sioners.

Upon  
guard at  
Whitehall  
in Wyat's  
rebellion.

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Earl of  
Arundel  
attempts to  
discharge  
him the  
band;

Then was there preparing to go with the queen to Winchester; and all the books of the ordinaries were perused by the Bishop of Winchester and the Earl of Arundel, two great papists, to consider of every man. And one would think Underhill should have hardly escaped now. Sir Humphry Radcliff, lieutenant of the band, brought unto them the book of the pensioners; which, when they overlooked, and came unto Underhill's name, "What doth he here?" said the Earl of Arundel. "I know no cause why he should not be here," said Radcliff, who also was, secretly, a favourer of the gospel; "he is an honest man, and hath served from the beginning of the band; and was as forward as any to serve the queen in the time of Wyat's rebellion."—"Let him pass then," said the bishop.—"Well," said the earl, "you may do so; but I assure your lordship, he is an arch-heretick." Thus he passed the brunt.

And so  
doth Nor-  
rys, gentle-  
man usher.

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Being in Winchester, in the chamber of presence with his fellows, Mr. Norrys came forth of the queen's privy chamber, unto whom they did reverence, as his place required. "Seeing Underhill, he asked him, what he did there? 'Marry, Sir,' said he, 'what do you do here?' Norrys told him, he was very short with him. 'I must and will forbear,' said Underhill, 'for the place you be in: but if you were 'in the place you were in, of the utter chamber, I 'would be short with you. You were then the door-keeper, when we waited at the table. Your office 'is not to find fault at my being here. I am, at this 'time, appointed to serve her majesty, by those that 'be in authority, who know me as well as you do.' They shall know you better, said he; the queen also. With that said Mr. John Calvely (one of his fellows, brother unto Sir John Calvely, of Cheshire, who served at the journey to Laundresey in the same band that Underhill did) in good faith, Mr. Norrys, methinks you do not well: this gentleman, our fellow, hath served of long time, and was ready to venture his life in defence of the queen's majesty at the last

service, and as forward as any was there; and also being appointed and ready to serve her again now, to his great charges, as it is unto us all. Methinks, you do more than the part of a gentleman, to seek to discharge him. What, said he, I perceive you will hold together. Else were we worse than beasts, said he, if we would not in all lawful causes so hold together, that he that toucheth one of us, shall touch us all. So he went away into his privy chamber; and from that time never meddled more with Underhill." And, indeed, this band were almost all favourers of the gospel. 1553.

But after a year or two's tarryance in London, divers reasons persuaded him to remove away into more obscurity. Partly it grieved his heart, to see daily so much innocent blood shed: he feared also, that some of the promoters should at last take him; having been threatened by John Auales and Beard, as he understood by Luke, his friend. who was great with some that kept them company, and yet were honest men. But Underhill was of a bold undaunted spirit, and took order that this word should be conveyed to those catchpoles, that if they should attempt to take him, except they had a warrant signed with four or five of the counsellors' hands, he would go further with them than Peter did, who struck off but the ear of Malchus, but he would surely strike off head and all: which message was carried to them; and it put them in such fear, that when Underhill had often met them, they would not meddle with him; so mightily did God defend him. But yet he thought it convenient to retire out of the city, and went and dwelt, as was afore said, near Coventry. And thus he, throughout all this dangerous time, was preserved, being never present at the blasphemous mass; and enjoyed his place and pension; and was never called more before the privy council, to answer for that for which he was, in the beginning of the reign, cast into Newgate.

He retires for his safety out of London into the country.

What afterward became of this gentleman, I know



1553. not; only that he lived some time in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and sent a narration of these things unto John Fox; out of which I have extracted what I have now writ; which containing so many memorable matters and transactions of those days, and for the preserving the memory of so eminent a person (whose name otherwise must have been wholly buried and lost) I thought worthy so largely to set down.

I shall end this matter with a prayer that he used in Queen Mary's days against the papists.

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His prayer. "Lord, be merciful unto us: we wait for thee. Thine arme is at a point to visit us. But be thou our health in the time of trouble. Graunt that the wicked people may flee at the anger of thy voice, and that at thine upstanding the papists may be scattered abroad. And that their spoil may be gathered as the grasshoppers are gathered together into the pit. Stand up, Lord, thou that dwellest on high. Let England be filled with equity and righteousness. Let truth and faithfulness be in her hereafter, wisdom, knowledge, and the fear of God."

## CHAP. VII.

The troubles of Mountain, parson of Whittington College. Some remembrance of Hancock, an eminent preacher, and minister of Pole, in Dorsetshire.

Bishop Gardiner severe upon Mountain, of Whittington College.

AND here it may not be amiss to set down what befel one of the London divines about this time, Thomas Mountain by name, parson of St. Michael's the Tower Royal, otherwise called Whittington College; a man of some figure in those days, and that had been with the Duke of Northumberland in the business of Queen Jane. What troubles he endured from the Bishop of Winchester, for performing his function in his parish church, according to King Edward's laws, which were then in full force, I will declare, as I have extracted it out of his own MS.

relation; wherein, among other things, two are worthy to be observed, viz. the noble confidence of this man, in speaking the truth before this bloody-minded bishop; and his lofty, scoffing, contumelious carriage towards Mountain. 1553. MSS. Foxii

“ Queen Mary was crowned Queen of England such a day of the month, being Sunday, (viz Oct. 1,) the next Sunday after, I Thomas Mountayn did minister all kynd of service, according to the godly order then set forth by the most gracious and blessed prince, King Edward the Sixth: and the whole parish being than gathered together, did than and there most joyfully communicate together with me the holy supper of the Lord Jesus; and many other godly citizens were then partakers of the same; who, with bitterness of repentance, did not only lament their former wicked lyves, but also the lack and loss of our most dread sovereign lord, King Edward the Sixth, whom we were not worthy of, for our unthankfulness and disobedience, both towards Almighty God and his majestie. Now, while I was even a breking of the bread at the table, saying to the communicants these words, *Take and eat this*, &c. and *Drink this*, &c. there were standing by, to see and hear, certayn serving men, belonging to the Busshop of Wynchester; among whom one of them most shamefully blasphemed God, saying, ‘ Ye, God’s bloud, standest thou there yet, saying, Take and eat, take and drink? Will not this gear be left yet? You shall be made to sing another song within these few days, I trow, or else I have lost my mark.’ He administers the sacrament the Sunday after Queen Mary’s coronation.

“ The next Wednesday following (October 11) the Busshop of Winchester sent one of his servants for me, to come and speak to my lord his master. To whom I answered, ‘ That I would wait on his lordship after that I had don morning prayer.’ Nay, saith his man, I may not tary so long for you. I am commaunded to take you wheresoever I find you, and to bring you with me. That is my charge given unto me by my lord’s own mouth. ‘ Well p. 68.

1558. 'than,' said I, 'I will go with you out of hand; and  
'God be my comfort, and strengthen me with his  
'Holy Spirit this day and ever, in the same truth  
'wherunto he hath called me, that I may continue  
'therin to the end.'

Comes be-  
fore him.

"Now, when I came to the great chamber at St. Mary Overies, there I found the bushop standing at a bay window, with a great company about him, and many sutors, both men and women (for he was going to the court); among whom there was one Mr. Sellenger (or St. Leger) a knight, and lord deputy of Ireland, being a sutor also to my lord. Then the bushop called me unto him, and said, Thou heretic! how darest thou be so bold to use that schismatical service stil, of late set forth, seing that God hath sent us now a catholic queen? whose laws thou hast broken, as the rest of thy fellows have don; and you shal know the price of it, if I do live. There is such abhominable company of you, as is able to poyson a whole realm with your heresies. 'My lord,' said I, 'I am none heretic. For that way that you count 'heresy, so worship we the lyving God: and as our 'forefathers have don and believed, I mean Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, with the rest of the holy 'prophets and apostles, even so do I beleve to be 'saved, and by no other means.' God's passion! said the bushop, did not I tel you, my lord deputy, how you should know an heretic. He is up with his lyving God, as though there were a dead god. They have nothing in their mouths, these heretics, but the Lord liveth, the lyving God: the Lord, the Lord, and nothing but the Lord. Here he chafed like a bushop; and, as his manner was, many times he put off his cap, and rubbed to and fro, up and down, the fore part of his head, where a lock of hair was always standing up, and that, as some say, was his grace.

Winches-  
ter in a  
passion.

Sellenger,  
lord-depu-  
ty of Ire-  
land,  
speaks to  
the bishop;

But, to pacify this hasty Bushop, and cruel man, the lord deputy said, My good lord chancellor, trouble not yourself with this heretic. I think all the world is full of them. God bless me from them. But, as



your lordship said even now ful wel, having a Christian queen reigning over us, I trust there wil be shortly a reformation, and an order taken for these heretics; and I trust God hath preserved your honourable lordship for the very same purpose. Than said Mr. Sellenger unto me, Submit yourself unto my lord, and so you shall find favour at his hands. 'I thank you, Sir,' said I; 'ply your own sute, and 'I pray you let me alone. For I never offended my lord, neither yet wil I make any such submission, as he wold have me to do. Be assured of that, 'God willing.' Well, said he, you are a stubborn man.

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And to  
Mountainep. 6<sup>o</sup>.

"Then stood there one by, much like unto Dr. Martyn, and said, My lord, the time passeth away; trouble yourself no longer with this heretic; for he is not only a heretic, but also a traitor to the queen's majestie. For he was one of them that went forth with the Duke of Northumberland, and was in open field against her grace; and therefore, as a traitor, he is one of them that are exempt out of the general pardon, and hath lost the benefit of the same. Is it even so, saith the bushop? Fetch me the book, that I may see it. Than was the book brought him, as one ignorant what had been don, and yet he being the chief doer himself therof. Than asked he of me, what my name was. I said, 'My name was Thomas 'Mountain.' Thou hast wrong, saith he. 'Why so, 'my lord?' That thou hast not *mounted* to Tyburn, or such like place. Then said I unto him, 'I beseech your lordship, be so good lord unto me, as 'to let me know mine accusers, who they be. For I 'trust that I have not deserved, nother to be hanged 'as a thief, nor yet to be burned as an heretic: for 'I only believe in one God in Trinitie; and, as for 'the laws of the realm, I trust I have not offended 'or broken any of them.' No, sayd the bushop, I wil make thee to sing a new song, or thou and I have don. For these be always linked together, treason and heresy; and thou hast, like a shameless man, of-

Charged  
with trea-  
son, as well  
as heresy.

1555. fended in both, and that shalt thou know. I wil school thee my self.

The bishop  
falsely  
chargeth  
him for  
speaking  
against  
good works

“ Then he called for the marshal, or some of his men, and there was none of them there. Then called he for one Mr. Hungerford, one of his own gentlemen. Him he rounded in the ear a pretty while ; and then openly the Bushop sayd, with a loud voice, I pray you, Mr. Hungerford, take this traiterous heretic, and have him to the Marshalsea, and remember well what I have said unto you. For this is one of our new broched brethren, that speaketh agaynst al good works. ‘ No, my lord,’ said I, ‘ I ‘ never preached or spake against any of those good ‘ works, which be commaunded of God in the holy ‘ scriptures to be don. For in those good works ‘ every Christian man ought to exercise himself all ‘ the days of his life ; and, yet, not to think himself ‘ to be justified thereby, but rather to account himself ‘ an unprofitable servant, when he hath don the best ‘ he can.’ That is true, quoth the bushop. Your fraternity was, is, and ever wil be altogether unprofitable in all ages, and good for nothing, but for the fire. Tel me, I pray thee, what good works were there don other in King Harry’s days, or in King Edward’s days ? ‘ Truly, my lord,’ said I, ‘ there ‘ were don in the days of these two notable kings, of ‘ most worthy memory, many notable things, most ‘ worthy of perpetual memory to the end.’

King Hen-  
ry’s and  
King Ed-  
ward’s  
days vindi-  
cated by  
Mountain.

“ First, The Bushop of Rome was utterly abolished, with all his usurped power and authority over al Christian princes ; al idolatry, superstition and hypocrisy suppressed ; al false and feigned religious men and women discharged of their long loitring in cloisters, and taught to *serve God in spirit and in truth*, and no longer to worship him in vain ; devouring poor widows’ houses, under the pretence of long prayers. Also, if it like your lordship, they did erect many colleges. Also the universities of Cambridge and Oxford first by wise men were visited, than purged, wel furnished with godly, learned mas-

ters of every house; and, last of all, continually relieved and maintained, from time to time, by the good and wel disposed people of this citie of London; that learned men might flourish. *Al these, my lord, were good works.* Further, they did erect many fair hospitals: one for orphans and fatherles children, wherin they may be taught to know their duty and obedience both to God and man; having both a schoolmaster, and also an usher, to teach them their grammar. These, likewise, have also meat, drink, cloth, lodging, lawnders, surgeons and physicians, with al other necessaries. In the other houses, my lord, there be the blind, the lame, the dumb, the deaf, and all kind of sick, sore and diseased people. They have always with them an honest, learned minister, to comfort them, and to give them good counsel, that they might patiently take in good part God's visitation. This they have, beside meat, drink, lodging, surgeons, physicians. *Are not al these good works, my lord?*

1553.

King Edward's hospitals.

“Then the bushop said unto me, in mockage, Sir, you have made a great speke. For wheras you have set up one beggarly house, you have pulled down an hundred princely houses for it; putting out godly, learned and devout men, that served God day and night, and thrust in their place a sort of scurvy and lowzy boyes.

Winchester disparages them

“Wel, to be short with thee, What sayest thou to the blessed sacrament of the altar? How believest thou in that? ‘My lord, not as you beleve; for I ‘never read in the scripture of any such sacrament so ‘called, and so unreverently to be hanged up in a ‘rope over a heap of stones: and that same to be ‘worshipped of the people, as God. Wo! be unto ‘them that so do teach the people to believe; for ‘they be false priests; believe them who will; for, ‘truly, I will not. Thus have I been taught to believe.’ By whom, saith the bushop? ‘Forsooth, ‘even by Jesus Christ, the high bushop and priest of ‘our souls; who, by the offering up of his own

Winchester questions him as to his belief in the sacrament of the altar.



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‘ blessed body on the cross once for al, as St. Paul  
 ‘ saith to the Hebrews, and there shedding his most  
 ‘ precious blood, hath cleansed us from al our sins.  
 ‘ And, I trust, by his death, to have everlasting life.’  
 But how sayest thou, shameles heretic! unto the  
 holy and blessed mass? ‘ My lord, suffer me, I  
 ‘ pray you, to speak my conscience. I nother believe  
 ‘ it to be holy, nor yet blessed, but rather to be abho-  
 ‘ minable before God and man, and the same to be  
 ‘ accursed.’ And with that I kneeled down, and  
 held up my hands, looking up unto heaven, and said,  
 in the presence of them all: ‘ O! Father of heaven  
 ‘ and of earth, I most humbly beseech thee to en-  
 ‘ crease my faith, and to help my unbelicfe, and  
 ‘ shortly cast down for ever that shamefull idol, the  
 ‘ mass, even for Jesus Christ’s sake I ask it, Amen.  
 ‘ God graunt it, for his mercyes sake, shortly to come  
 ‘ to pas.’ I cry you mercy, Sir, said the bushop,  
 how holy you are now! Did you never say mass, I  
 pray you? ‘ Yes, my lord, that I have; and I ask  
 ‘ God mercy, and most heartily forgivenes, for doing  
 ‘ so wicked a deed.’ And will you never say it  
 again, said the bushop? ‘ No, my lord, God willing,  
 ‘ never while I live, knowing that I do know, not to be  
 ‘ drawn asunder with wild horses. I trust that God  
 ‘ wil not so give me over, and leave me to my self.’  
 Then he cryed, Away with him; it is the stubbornest  
 knave that ever I talked with.

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Carried to  
 the Mar-  
 shalsea.

“ Then Mr. Hungerford called for three or four of  
 my lord’s men to wait upon him to the Marshalsea;  
 and, by the way as he went, he mightily persuaded  
 with me, that I should give over mine heresies and  
 wicked opinions, as he termed them, and he wold be  
 a mean for me unto my lord, and offered me to go  
 back again. ‘ I thanked him for his good wil, and  
 ‘ desired him, that I might go forward to the place  
 ‘ appointed by my lord.’ Wel, saith he, and there  
 be no remedy, come on; I am sorry for you. Then  
 came we to the Marshalsea, and the porter, called  
 Brittain, opened the door and let us in, saying, What

have you brought here, Mr. Hungerford? An heretic, he sayd; yea, and a traitor too. 'No,' said I, 'I am none. I am even as true a man, both to God and to the crown of England, as any of you both are, or my lord, your master, other.' Wel, said the porter, we shal hamper you wel enough: come on with me. Then the gentleman rounded him in the ear, and so went his ways. Then was I brought unto a great block. Set up your feet here, master heretic, said Brittain, the porter; and let me see how these cramp-rings will become you. 'I am not too good,' said I, 'to wear these for the truth's sake, seeing that Jesus Christ dyed for my sake. They are wel-come unto me with all my heart; for by much tribulation we must enter into the kingdom of God.' Than he took a great hammer in his hand, and did set them on, and that surely. Then he brought me to my lodging, a place called Boner's Colehouse: there he put me in, and locked the door upon me, saying He was commanded to keep me as a close prisoner, and that no man might speak with me. 'Content,' said I: 'and yet wil I speak with one, I trust, every day, and ask you no leave.' Who is that, said he? wold I might know him. 'So wold I, truly; then were you a great deal nearer to the kingdom of God, than you are now. Repent, therefore, your papistry, Mr. Brittain, and believe the gospel; so shal you be sure to be saved, els never.' So he shook his head at me, and went his ways."

Put into  
Boner's  
Coal-house

And here, for a while, we leave this poor minister of Christ a captive in the Marshalsea, where people came in thick and threefold for religion. To this prison the Bishop of Winchester used now and then to send his alms. About ten days after Mountain was committed, Brooks, the bishop's almoner, came hither with his master's alms-basket: but with a charge from the bishop to the porter, that not a scrap of it should be given unto the hereticks; and that if he heard they had any share in it, that prison should never have it again as long as he lived. Brooks, de-

No alms  
for the he-  
retick pri-  
soners.

1555. parting out of the prison, beheld a piece of scripture, that was painted over the door in the time of King Edward's reign: What have we here, said he? A piece of heresy. I command you, in my lord's name, that it be clean put out, against I come again; for, if I find it here, my lord shall know it, by holy mass.

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An altar  
for mass  
built, and  
pulled  
down again

In Pole, in Dorsetshire, there was great struggling against bringing in the popish religion there. Some forward men were for setting up an altar in the church for the mass; but others opposed it. The queen's proclamation, mentioned in the first chapter of this book, wherein she declared herself a Roman Catholic, and that she had been therein brought up, and wished that all her subjects were of the same religion, though she would compel none, animated many, that they, forgetting their duty and obedience to God, and to shew their obedience unto the queen, would have the mass, and other superstitious ceremonies, in post-haste. But Thomas Hancock, the minister of the parish, a favourer of the gospel, took upon him to read that proclamation to them, and to declare the meaning of it: "That whereas she willed al her loving subjects to embrace the same religion, they were not to rebel against her, being their princess, but to let her alone with her religion. This satisfied not the papists, but they would needs have their masking mass. And so one White, and others, built up an altar in the church, and procured a fit chaplain, a French priest, to say mass there. But their altar was pulled down, and Sir Bryse (that was the priest's name) was fain to hide his head. Then the papists built them an altar in White's house, and his man was clark to ring the bel, and to assist the priest at mass. But some threatned him, that if he did use to put his hand out of the window to ring the bel, that a hand gun should make him smart, that he should not pul in his hand again with ease.

Hancock's  
narration.  
Int. Fox.  
MS.

Mass in a  
house;  
preaching  
in the  
church.

"So had the papists their mass in Mr. White's house, and the Christians the gospel preached openly in the church. The papists also resorted to the



church to hear the word of God; not for any love they had to the word, but to take the preacher in a trip. For divers articles they took out of his doctrine; of the which they accused him before the council at the time of the first parliament. 1538.

“ Amongst the which, one of them was, for that in his doctrine he taught them, that God had plagued this realm most justly for their sins, with three notable plagues. The first plague was a warning to England, which was the posting sweat, that posted from town to town thorow England, and was named *stop-gallant*; for it spared none; for there were some dauncing in the court at nine a clock, that were dead at eleven. In the same sweat also, at Cambridge, dyed two worthy imps, the Duke of Suffolk his sons, Charles and his brother. The second plague was a threatening to England, when God took from us our wise, virtuous and godly King Edward the Sixth. The third was, the being robbed and spoiled of the jewel and treasure of God’s holy word. The which utter destruction should follow, without speedy repentance.

“ Another article that much offended, and for the which he was exempted out of the first general pardon that Queen Mary graunted, was, that he, rebuking their desires, to have their superstitious ceremonies and their idolatrous mass, and to put down the glorious gospel of Christ Jesus, did, in his doctrine ask them, how this mought be don, and how they would bring it to pass, having the law of the realm, and the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ against them; and God being against them. He asked, in whom they had their trust? He told them, their trust was in flesh. So they forsook the blessing of God, and heaped upon themselves his cursings. ‘ Maledictus homo, qui confidit in homine, et ponit carnem brachium suum,’ &c. What flesh is that, said he, you trust unto? Stephen Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester! He hath been a Saul, God make him a Paul. He hath been a persecutor, God make

Articles  
against  
Hancock  
taken out  
of his ser-  
mons.

Excepted  
out of the  
queen's  
pardon;  
and why.

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1553. him a faithful preacher. These words so much offended, that he was not thought worthy to enjoy the queen's pardon.

He flees. "Whereupon he was counselled by Master William Thomas, late clerk of King Edward's council, for safeguard of his life, to flee. And so he came to Roan, in Normandy, where he continued the space of two years; and half a year he spent at Paris and Orleans. After that, hearing of an English congregation in the city of Geneva, he resorted thither with his wife and one of his children, where he continued three years, and somewhat more: in the which city, I praise God (saith he), I did se my Lord God most purely and truly honoured, and sin most straitly punished; so it may be wel called a *holy city*, a *city of God*. The Lord pour his blessings upon it, and continue his favour towards it, defending it against his enemies."

After the death of Queen Mary, in the happy beginning of Queen Elizabeth, he returned home. And all this I have laid together, to preserve the memory of another eminent preacher of the gospel, and to give some light into the times upon Queen Mary's access to the crown.

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## CHAP. VIII.

Sermons at court this Lent. Brook's and Watson's sermons before the queen, printed. Account of another sermon preached before her, to exasperate her against her protestant subjects.

Dr. Brook  
preaches  
before the  
queen.

TO entertain the queen's devotion this Lent, were set up the learnedest men of the popish persuasion, to preach before her; who then laboured to confirm the old superstitions, and threw all the dirt they could upon the late reformation and reformed doctrines, and in the mean time, without all measure, extolling the queen, even to blasphemy. One of these

preachers was James Brook, a doctor of Oxford, and president of Baliol, and soon after Bishop of Gloucester, and a busy man in these times. He preached before her upon the speech of Jairus to Christ: "My daughter is even now dead, but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live." These words he applied to the kingdom and church of England, upon its defection from the pope, even dead, before she (the queen) came to reign, and, by her mighty influence, reviving and living again. This fine sermon was thought worthy printing soon after. But the protestants took occasion to spend their censures upon this discourse, saying, herein he made himself to be Jairus, the ruler of the synagogue, England to be his daughter, and the queen to be Christ.

Another of these preachers was Thomas Watson, D.D. master of St. John's College, in Cambridge, and after Bishop of Lincoln, an austere, or rather, a sour and churlish man, according to Godwin's character of him. He preached before the queen the third and fifth Fridays in Lent, who gave himself this task: to prove the real presence in the sacrament, and that the mass was the sacrifice of the New Testament. His two sermons he printed soon afterwards, which remaining unanswered fifteen years, the papists built much upon, as thinking them not answerable by those of the contrary persuasion. And such an opinion had they of the profound learning of this doctor, that whatsoever was known of his doing, was thought to be so learnedly done, that none could be found among the protestants able to answer any part thereof.

His sermons printed.

Whereupon, in the year 1569, Robert Crowley, that had been an exile in this queen's reign, and afterwards minister of Cripplegate, London, undertook to answer these sermons; which, he said, he the rather did, because he knew some papists that could not be yet persuaded that the popish church could err; and also uttered their minds freely, that the protestant doctrine concerning the presence of Christ in the

Answered by Mr. Crowley.



1553. sacrament, and concerning the sacrifice of the mass, was erroneous and false, which he perceived they were chiefly persuaded of by those sermons. And he added, that he knew some that did even hunger and thirst to see what might be said to the contrary of that which they were yet persuaded in. Crowley, in his book, sets down Watson's sermons *verbatim*, and taking them throughout piece by piece, answereth each paragraph. In which he took especial care, as he tells us, to consider the authorities that were alleged, with the circumstances, setting down the same at large to be seen, that all might weigh them, and judge whether Watson applied them right. And by the like, or greater authority, Crowley answered all that the other had laboured to confirm, either by the scriptures or ancient fathers.

Subtil sophistry of  
T. Watson,  
p. 37.

Serm. De  
Cœna,

But considering these sermons bore so great a vogue among the papists, I will here give a taste of them. In one of them he had these words: "Seeing a sacrifice is an outward protestation of our inward faith and devotion, if we Christen men have no sacrifice private unto us, then be we the most miserable men that ever were, being without any kind of religion; for, take away our sacrifice, and take away our religion. As St. Cyprian, confuting the carnal thoughts of the Capernaits, that thought they should have eaten Christ's flesh, either roasted or sod, and so should have consumed it to nothing, writeth thus: 'Cum illius personæ caro, si in frustra partiretur, non omni humano generi posset sufficere; quæ semel consumpta videretur religio interîsse, cui nequaquam ulterius victima speresset:' *i. e.* 'Seeing that if the flesh of his person were divided into pieces, it could not suffice all mankind to eat upon; which flesh, after it were once clean wasted and consumed, our religion might likewise seem to perish and be destroyed, which had no more any sacrifice remaining.' Whereupon I conclude, that if we have not Christ's body and blood present in the sacrament for our external sacrifice, whereby we may

mitigate and please Almighty God, and obtain remission of sin, and spiritual grace and gifts; then should we be no better than the Turks, seeing all nations from the beginning of the world, both Gentiles and Jews, have had one kind of outward sacrifice, to declare and express their inward devotion and religion, either to the true God of heaven, or to such as they fantasied or feyned to be gods; saving only the Turks (as Petrus Cluniacensis writeth). Whereby it appeareth, that this sect that denyeth and destroyeth the mass, which is the sacrifice of the church, is verily the sect of Mahomet, preparing a way for the Turk to overrun all Christendom, as he hath done a great piece already." This was a home stroke, indeed, against all those that opposed the papal mass: that let their other qualifications be what they will; let them believe in Jesus Christ, and hope to be saved by him; let them own all the articles of the Creed, and believe and live according to the holy scriptures; yet they are Christians no longer, but mere Turks, and are laying a plot for the Great Turk to overrun Christendom. And why so? That follows:

"For what could the Turk do more against our faith, if he did overcome us, beside our thralldom and tyrannical oppression, but, as these men do now, to take away our sacraments and sacrifice, and to leave us nothing but the bare name of Christ; and if there be any good man, that hath true religion in his heart, to compel him to keep it within him, that he shall not express it outwardly?" As if there were no way to express *outwardly* true religion lying in the heart, but by the mass: so that if there were no mass, there could be no external religion. But our preacher goes on: "And, in very deed, divers notable and godly writers, at this day, call this heresy against the sacrifice of the church, which Luther first began, and most maintained, by this name *Secta Mahumetica*, "The Sect of Mahomet." This was good doctrine to be preached to the queen upon her first entrance to her kingdom, to envenom her heart against her protestant

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1553. subjects, and to dispose her to shed their blood, and to make havock of them, without favour or mercy, as being no better than mere Turks, and such as had renounced their Christianity.

Soon after, speaking of the doctrine of Christ's body to be really present in the blessed sacrament, he declared, that there were three things that held  
 Ibid. p. 44. him in this faith: "The manifest and plain scripture, the uniform authorities of holy men, and the consent of the universal church. These three be the arguments that a Christen man may stick unto, and never be deceived; especially if they be knit and joyned together concerning one matter: but, if they be separate, then some of them be but weak staves to lean unto; as for example, the scripture, without the consent of the church, is a weapon as meet for an heretick as for a catholick." (Is not this as much as to say, that the scripture is as fit to confirm heresy, as it is to confirm catholick truth?) "For Arius, Nestorius, and such other hereticks, did alledge the scriptures for their opinions, as the catholicks did: but their alledging was but the abusing of the letter, which is indifferent to good and evil," (as though the letter of the sacred word of God would as indifferently admit of an evil sense as of a good, which certainly is reflection bad enough upon the holy writers, and Spirit of God that inspired them), "and depraving of the true sense, which is only known by the tradition and consent of the catholick church: so that the one without the other is not a direction, but a seduction, to a simple man." (Then let all take heed of reading the word of God, as they would avoid being seduced.) "Because the very scripture indeed is not the bare letter, as it lyeth to be taken of every man, but the true sense, as it is delivered by the universal consent of Christ's church." Which words do effectually destroy the authority of the scriptures, and make them useless, since we cannot understand any thing in them, until we first know what sense the universal church of Christ puts upon them. And how shall



we come to know that? How difficult to understand how the universal church interprets each place! Must we go to the ancient fathers and ecclesiastical writers, to learn the church's sense? That is not a safe way neither, according to our preacher, who goes on thus?

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“ Likewise the writings and sayings of the fathers, if they be but the mind of one man, without the consent of other, were he never so well learned and virtuous otherwise; yet his writings, I say, in that point, be not a confirmation for an ignorant man to hold him in the truth, but a temptation to seduce him, and pull him from the truth.” So that here is a great work done by this man in a few lines. Scriptures and fathers are rendered useless, nay, and very dangerous; for it is an hundred to one they lead you into error and heresy, if you read them, and pull you from the truth. But what must the poor man do now, that would fain know the truth? Why, believe as the church believes; for this is the sense of that which follows:

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“ The consent of the church is always a sure staff, the very pillar of truth, whether it be in things expressed in the letter of the scripture, or in things delivered unto us by tradition of the apostles. He that holdeth him by this staff, cannot fall in faith, but stand in truth.” But we are left in the briers as much as before; for, how shall we know what the consent of the church is?

After he had laboured, by authority of scripture and fathers, to prove the carnal presence, he thus proceeds: “ These scriptures, and these effects brought out of the scriptures, and confirmed by many manifest authorities of the holy fathers, do prove evidently to any man that hath but common wit, and any sparkle of grace, and is not forsaken of Almighty God, that the substance of this sacrament is neither bread nor wine, but only the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, united to God's Son in unity of person; which is a sufficient cause, able to work in the worthy

1b. p. 148.

1553. receiver these heavenly and glorious effects, which I have spoken of already.

“Whereby it appeareth, what moveth me to continue still in that faith, which is so expressly taught in holy scripture; which scripture also draweth and pulleth me from the contrary false opinion. In divers places it moveth me, and all Christen men, ‘to beware and take heed of false prophets, that ‘come in the apparel of sheep, but within they be ‘ravenous wolves:’ that in their mouths have the word of God, their truth, and gospel, and such gay words; but the pit and effect of their teaching, is old rotten heresies, confuted and condemned of all Christendom before, and not God’s word; the name whereof they abuse to the maintainance of all vice, error, beastly living, adultery, disobedience, sacrilege, and open conspiracy, to the subversion of themselves, and of that state under which they live.” Thus was it the care of these bloody-minded men, the Romish clergy, to irritate the queen by these slanders and false accusations of her peaceable subjects, the gospellers, to proceed in all manner of rigor and cruelty against them.

1 John 4.

“The scripture cryeth, added he, ‘Nolite omni ‘spiritui credere.’ ‘Believe not every spirit, but try ‘and prove the spirits, if they be of God or no: for ‘many false prophets are abroad in the world.’ One way to try them, is, to mark the end of their conversation, and the example and fruit of their lives; as St. Paul saith, ‘Quorum exitum conversationis in- ‘tuentes, eorum imitamini fidem.’ ‘Follow their ‘faith, the end of whose conversation ye have seen.’ We have seen what is the end of this new teaching; carnal and detestable living, conspiracy and treason.” Laying Wyat’s rebellion to their charge most falsely; for they generally disowned it, and refused to have any hand in it.

“The other fathers of whom we learned our faith, were men whom the corrupt world was not worthy to have. These authors of this new opinion were men,

that were not worthy to have and enjoy the world: 1553.  
 (but by all means, if he had his will, to be executed,  
 as malefactors and villains, out of the way;) “Of  
 whom St. Peter writeth, ‘Magistri mendaces,’ and 2 Pet. 2.  
 so forth; ‘Lying masters, that bring in sects of per-  
 ‘dition, and deny that Lord that bought them (as  
 ‘they do in this matter of the sacrament) bringing p. 78.  
 ‘upon them a speedy perdition. And many shall  
 ‘follow their ways; through whom the way of truth  
 ‘shall be slandered and blasphemed; and in covet-  
 ‘ousness, by feigned words, they shall make mer-  
 ‘chandize of you; to whom judgment ceaseth not,  
 ‘and their destruction ceaseth not.’” Applying, out  
 of his charity, unto the professors of the reformed  
 religion, a place of scripture spoken of the very  
 worst of hereticks, apostates from the profession of  
 Christ, and sunk into all manner of immorality and  
 uncleanness.

“We be also warned of St. John of this matter, 2 John 9.  
 saying, ‘He that remaineth and abideth in the  
 ‘doctrine (that the apostles taught) he hath the  
 ‘Father and the Son. If any come to you, not bring-  
 ‘ing this doctrine, do not receive him into your  
 ‘houses.’ Here he doth teach us to avoid them  
 that profess any other doctrine than such as all faith-  
 ful men throughout the world have received, and  
 profess; which is not the doctrine the sacramen-  
 taries preach.” Whereas there is no particular doc- Vid. v. 9.  
 trine meant in that place, but in general *the doctrine*  
*of Christ.*

“Finally, considering the promises of Christ to  
 his church, ‘That he will be with them to the world’s  
 ‘end, and that the Holy Ghost shall lead them into  
 ‘all truth;’ then may we justly say, that if this, our  
 faith, be an error, it hath prevailed universally, not  
 one hundred year, but two, three, four, yea, a thou-  
 sand year: and more than that, even to the ascension  
 of Christ, as appeareth by the testimonies of all holy  
 writers. And then may we say, Lord, if we be  
 deceived, thou hast deceived us. We have believed



1553. thy word; we have followed the tradition of the universal church: we have obeyed the determinations and teachings of those bishops and pastors whom thou hast placed in the church, to stay us in unity of faith, that we be not carried away with every wind of false doctrine. Therefore, if we be deceived, it cometh of thee, O Lord. Our error is invincible." Thus men flatter themselves in their own opinions, and are ready, presumptuously, to lay their follies to God's charge. But, 'tis well he comes in, in the next words, with an *epanorthôsis*: "But, good people, we are sure God deceiveth no man. Let us all beware we do not deceive ourselves, as St. James saith." And let those especially beware they do not deceive themselves, that are most confident they are not deceived; of which number, surely, was this confident doctor.

His sermon  
for private  
masses.

All this, and much more, did the preacher entertain the queen with in his first sermon. In his second sermon he laboured, among other things, to prove private masses; and, towards the close, hath an argument far-fetched, which few would have thought on; and that was, "Because the devil once condemned those masses, and called them *horrible idolatry*; but the devil being a great liar, therefore, those masses were good, and no idolatry." And that this was the devil's judgment of masses, the preacher had it from Luther himself. "Therefore, he said, Luther had learned this lesson from the devil; and that he had once a vision of the devil, and saw him with his corporal eyes, being waking; and that of him he learned all that he had so pestilently spoken against the holy mass." And for the proving these surprising assertions to his auditors, in great ostentation the doctor pulled out Luther's book, which he wrote against private masses, and there fell to reading out of it, how Luther related of himself, That one night, suddenly awaking, Satan began a disputation with him, setting before him the greatness of his sin, for having said private masses for almost

Ibid. p. 181.

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fifteen years daily; and putting the case to him, what a sinner he must needs have been, if such private masses were horrible idolatry, and if the body and blood of Christ were not present there, having then given divine honour to bare bread and wine: intending hereby to tempt Luther to despair of God's mercy. But hence Watson concluded, that the devil was the first that ever barked against the sacrifice of the church; and that the mass was good because the devil found fault with it; and that it must be a lie to charge it with idolatry, because the father of lies so charged it. But may not the devil suggest a truth, as he once quoted a place of scripture to Christ, when it may serve his turn the better to lay his temptation? as he said all this truth against private masses to Luther to bring him into despair of God's mercy, for having so long lived in idolatry. But said Luther, piously, to these suggestions of the devil (as Dr. Watson then read out of the aforesaid book) "I will not despair, as Judas did; but amend that I have done amiss, and never say private mass again." And now, at length, what is become of this notable argument of the doctor's for mass, fetched from the devil's temptation of Luther? But, I am sensible, I have been too prolix in this matter; for which I beg the reader's pardon; being willing to shew, what pains the popish clergy took by these chapel entertainments, to make the queen as bigotted as themselves. Nor needed she this whetting, having shewn her zeal to religion, or her anger rather towards the professors of the true religion, by clapping up so many already as she had done.

Many sermons of this sort were preached in the beginning of this reign, among the people; and transubstantiation laboured hard at, to make it down with them; seasoned with abundance of most reproachful words cast at the teachers of the true doctrine. Such a sermon I will give you a taste of, which I met with among the Foxian MSS. but by

1553. whom preached I cannot tell ; but, as it seems, by somebody of fame. Some part whereof ran thus :

Part of  
another  
popish ser-  
mon.

“ Mark the noughtiness of thies verlets, who with feet and head go about to take away and destroy the greatest treasure the church hath, that is to say, the most huge and godliest sacrament of the aultar ; without which the church cannot be, ne yet Christen religion stand or continew.

“ Whose hart wold not bleed to se thes noughtie desperats so unreverently speak blasphemy, and rail against this most holy sacrament, which ‘ the angelical spirits of heaven (as Chrysostom in his XXI ‘ Homily upon the IX Chap. of the Acts sayeth), do ‘ honour and reverence with trembling and drede ; ‘ and cannot (as Hesychias sayth in his second book ‘ and VIII. chapter of Leviticus) behold with their ‘ eyes?’

“ This is to be noted, that thies noughtie vile persons use this of custom in this matter, and such like, eyther not to alledge the scriptures and sayings of fathers ; or if they do, they do not alledge theym wholly ; and if they do wholly, they do interpretate and expound theym falsely and untruly against the true sense, understanding and meaning of them, gyving unto theym false gloses and comments to deceave and beguyle the ignorant, and not learned persons.

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“ If al the catholiks were lerned, they should soon see and perceave the juggling and falshood of thies harlots, and that such stuf as they do bring in, being wel examyned, maketh not for theym, but clene against theym.

“ Note, the discord and dissention, that hath bene and ys, even emongst the ring-leaders and capitanes of the heresies in this matter, and in other chief points of our religion : yea, what contradiction commonly some one or other of the chiefest of theym ys in with his own self ; especially Luther and Melancthon ; whom to credyt against so many good and godly lerned men, ys to declare, that he that so doth,



hath an empty folysh brayn, and ys bewitched from al wysdom and goodness.

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“ Note, that thies heretiks do take away that sacrifice, which ys called *Juge sacrificium*: ‘ The ‘ continual or dayly sacrifice;’ and, consequently, withal they take away Christen religion, and the church of Christ’s doctryne. For thees three, doctryne, religion and sacrifice, alway hitherto have concurred and ranne together.

“ Note also, that where Christ, to the great comfort of Christen people, hath promysed to be with them contynually to the world’s end, undoubtedly meaning and understanding his said being to be in the sacrament of the aultar, as the catholike fathers do interpretate and declare; thies losells, deprying Christen folks of so great a solace and comfort, make Christ therby, so mych as lyeth in them, to be accompted and taken for a very lyer.

“ Note, that where thies brothels commonly have nothyng in their mowthe but faith, faith, ye shal find in examyning their further sayings and doyngs, they want also that utterly in effect. For where we ought simply and playnly, without al doubt, to beleve that which Christ (the trouth it self) did in his woords affirm and say, thees villayns, where Christ, by express woords did say, ‘ Hoc est corpus meum, ‘ hic sanguis meus,’ noting his very presence in the sacrament, they do, by their blynd gloses, devysed by their frantike and mad brayns, say, That the body and bloud of Christ ys not indede in the sayd sacrament, bycause they cannot by reason comprehend it; without which they wil beleve nothing.

“ Note, the old and very true saying, ‘ Fœlix ‘ quem faciunt aliena pericula cautum;’ ‘ Happy ys ‘ he whom other men’s perils do make wise, or wary;’ and withal consider the state of Germany; how it hath been in times past, and how it is now. And yf you shall fynd the decay and ruine thereof to procede of discord in religion, then look for like effect to follow here, where ys the same cause and root that

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there was; and destroyed altogether. Yea, withal note, that when concord in religion (preserved) theym in unity and peace, discord undyd theym. So taking their trade, ye may look to your self for the like.

“ Note, whether the poor people, which heretofore was brought into a fool’s paradise, thinking, by thees heretical opinions, to have God by the foot, are not now ful wery to have gyven credence thereunto; having gotten therby nothing but shame and loss, to their perpetual confusion.

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“ Note, that emongst al heresies heretofore most justly condempned, which now in this troublesome world are eftsones forbyshed and scoured, brought unto us from hel by lymnes of the devil, there is none so craftily, so boldly, so earnestly set fourth, to the ruine and destruction of the poor people, with the great blasphemy of God, as ys that touching the blessed sacrament of the aultar.

“ Note, that heretiks, though in some things they may be seen to differ from other heretiks in this matter, yet shal you fynd, that touching this sacrament, they be tyed and lynked by the tayls together.

“ Note, That lyke as the crafty serpent, the devil, did play the false knave with our first parents, Adam and Eve, mysconstruing God’s woord contrary to the meanyng thereof, and induced them to break God’s commandment, so thees lowsie beasts, the progeny of the devil, go about to play with you, taking away the lyvely food from you, and gyving you a peece of bread, according to the proverb, *Pro thesauro carbones; Coles for treasure*: bringing you from the holesome meat of lyfe to the deadly fruit of the tree forbidden, and depyryng you craftily from the godly and effectual meat and medicyne of helth and felicitie.

“ The chief study of the heretiks, and, in maner, al their purpose, ys, to tourne upsyde down the church, and to make her which ys his mystical body, being of his flesh and bones, which also he nourisheth and cherisheth, to be a straunger, and not acquainted

with him : a token of Danyel's prophesie, and that the last day ys at hand." 1553.

Whatever success these kind of sermons had to bring in their admired doctrine of transubstantiation, their greatest trust seemed to be in more violent methods, those of imprisonment and persecution ; which, as was mentioned before, very many underwent in the very beginning of this queen's reign ; and what this was like to come to afterwards, all sober people looked upon with a sad eye. Sir Nicolas Throgmorton was one of these, who, about this time, bemoaned to his friend Sir Edward Warner, late lieutenant of the Tower, his own estate, and the tyranny of the times, extended upon divers honest persons for religion ; and wished it were lawful for all of each religion to live safely according to their conscience : for the law *ex officio*, he said, would be intolerable, and the clergy discipline now might rather be resembled to the Turkish tyranny, than to the teaching of Christian religion ; which words he was not afraid, at his trial, openly to acknowledge that he had said to the said Warner.

The tyranny of ecclesiastical prosecutions.

## CHAP. IX.

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Discontents among the people. The Lady Elizabeth's troubles.  
Wyat's insurrection. The gentlemen pensioners' service.

THE uneasiness of the present government, and the strong fears of more misery to follow, had created many discontented spirits already among the queen's subjects ; and dangerous plots were now hatching ; which caused Bishop Gardiner, the lord chancellor, to send for the lord mayor and court of aldermen, and about forty of the commons, towards the middle of January ; and, in a flourishing speech, laboured to sweeten the citizens, especially about the queen's intended marriage with the Prince of Spain, that was now vigorously carrying on, and was one great reason of the people's disgust. But, however endea-

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vours were used to prevent, matters were in this month of January ripened into a rebellion, and the city had an understanding herein. The queen and her friends were in great fear, that the ill-affected towards her should seize the Lady Elizabeth, and, it may be, set her up for queen. This made them resolve to secure her; but thought it best to attempt it at first in a gentle manner. The queen therefore, out of great seeming care of her sister's person in these dangers, sends a kind letter to her, dated Jan. 26, (which was the day after Sir Thomas Wyat appeared openly in arms at Maydston), to come up to her to St. James's, and to be with her; whose letter, as I had it from the original, was in this tenor:

*“ Right dear, and entirely beloved Sister,*

Queen  
Mary to  
her sister.  
MSS. G.  
Petyt.  
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“ WE greet you well: and where certain evil-disposed persons, minding more the satisfaction of their own malicious and seditious minds, than their duty of allegiance towards us, have of late foully spread divers lewd and untrue rumours; and by that means, and other devilish practices, do travail to induce our good and loving subjects to an unnatural rebellion against God, us, and the tranquillity of our realm; WE, tending the surety of your person, which might chance to be in some peril, if any sudden tumult should arise, where you now be, or about Downton, whither, as we understand, you are minded shortly to remove, do therefore think expedient you should put your self in good readiness, with all convenient speed, to make your repair hither to us; which we pray you fail not to do; assuring you, that as you may most surely remain here, so shall you be most heartily welcome to us. And of your mind herein, we pray you to return answer by this messenger. And thus we pray God to have you in his holy keeping. Yeven under our signet at our manor of St. James's, the 26th Jan. in the first year of our reign.

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Your lovyng syster,

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This resolution was taken by the advice of Gardiner, the lord chancellor, and privy council. With the aforesaid letter from the queen to her sister, orders also were sent to those that had the care and government of her, to bring her up. She was now at her house at Ashridge, very ill, and much indisposed in her health. Her governors therefore waited for her amendment, thinking it not safe yet to remove her. And she, in the mean time, signified to the queen her sickness, and prayed her forbearance for a few days, protesting her abhorrence of those seditious practices. Her governors, on their parts, lest this gentleness towards their mistress might be interpreted in the worse sense, sent their letter to the lord chancellor, acquainting him with her condition, avowing their obedience and readiness to receive the queen's and council's commands. For thus they addressed themselves :

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The Lady Elizabeth's  
governors  
to the lord  
chancellor.

*“ May it please your good Lordship,*

“ That albeit we attend here on my Lady Elizabeth's grace, our mistress, in hope every day of her amendment, to repair towards the queen's highness (whereof we have, as yet, none apparent likelihood of health), yet, considering this dangerous world, the perilous attempts and the naughty endeavours of the rebels, which we daily hear of against the queen's highness, our sovereign lady, we do not forget our most bounden duty, nor yet our readiness in words and deeds, to serve her highness by all the ways and means that may stand in us, both from her grace, our mistress, and of our own parts also. Which thing, although my lady's grace, our said mistress, hath to fore this signified unto the queen's highness of her behalf by message, it might, nevertheless, seem to your good lordship, and the lords of the council, some negligence that we did not make you also privy hereunto ; we have, therefore, thought it our duty to declare this unto your lordship. Most humbly beseeching the same to prescribe unto us the queen's plesure and your's herein, or in any

1553. thing else, wherein we may serve her highness. And we, according to our most bounden duties, shall not fail to perform the same always to the uttermost of our lives. Our Lord knoweth it, to whose blessed tuition we commit you."

The Lady  
Elizabeth  
sent to the  
Tower.

p. 84. It was not long after she could have received the former letter from the queen, but there came another sort of message to her, brought by three of the queen's privy counsellors, Sir Richard Southwel, Sir Edward Hastings, and Sir Thomas Cornwallys, great papists, and a great number of armed men with them, to fetch her away; those knights coming up to her bedside at ten o'clock at night; and, the next day, they took her along with them in an horse litter, notwithstanding her great weakness and sickness, and earnest desire of some days' forbearance. How she was brought to the court, and kept a prisoner there for a fortnight, and not suffered all the while to see the queen's face, and from thence committed to the Tower; and after some considerable tarriance there, sent away, with a strong guard to Woodstock; and how afterwards back again to the court at Hampton, and from thence, after some weeks' confinement there, to her own house, under a guard; and all the hard usage she met with in the interval, and the great danger of her life being taken away by assassination; for all this the reader may have recourse to Hollingshed's or Fox's History: only some passages I must relate, during these troubles, being there omitted.

What hap-  
pened to  
her here.  
Foxii MSS.

When she was commanded to the Tower, two lords were ordered to attend her: one, whose name is concealed, was very rough to her; the other as obliging; he was the old Earl of Sussex. The Saturday when she should have gone to the Tower, that Lord said, that divers lords that were of the council, were sorry for her trouble; "And as for me," said he, casting his hands abroad, and speaking, as it seemed with much agony, "sorry I am, that ever I have lived to see this day." She had not been two days in the



Tower, but mass was commanded to be said to her. 1553.  
One of the three gentlewomen, who were attendants on her in the Tower, named Mrs. Elizabeth Sands, afterwards married to Sir Maurice Barkley, refused there to come to the mass; wherefore, her father, Mr. Sands, brought Mr. Fecknam to persuade her; which when he could not, but he himself was overcome in the scriptures by her, neither yet would she be moved thereto by her father in those things which touched her soul's health; then was she displaced, and another put in her room, named Mrs. Colburn; after Mrs. Marborow. Whilst the Lady Elizabeth was in the Tower, the children brought flowers unto her; one whereof was a child of Martin, keeper of the wardrobe; another was a girl called Susanna, not above three or four years old: another girl also there was, that delighted to wait upon our virgin prisoner with her flowers, who once innocently brought her some little keys she had got, and telling her, she had brought her keys now, that she might go abroad.

When she was to be removed from the Tower to Woodstock (sent at that distance for no good intent, as it was thought), in her journey thither she was brought to Richmond, where she made some small stay, the court being there; at which many of her friends were joyful, thinking she was now set at liberty. Among the rest so mistaken, was one Allen of the guard, who brought her a dish of apples, and thought also to have delivered her book, supposing that she had been delivered, and no prisoner; but he paid for his mistake, Sir Henry Benefield, an austere man, that had the guard of her, committing him to prison, and punishing him for his pains. At her being at Woodstock, one or two popes died. An hearse was set up in the town-church; also a jubilee came down with clean remission; and a general fast was appointed that week, to be observed on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; also with commandment, that every one should be confessed, and the priest to write the confession. And so, after the

And at  
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stock.

1553. confession, upon Sunday, the sacrament was to be received. In the mean time, one of the two yeomen that waited upon her, being somewhat diseased of an ague, and could not well fast, came to the priest and  
p. 85. said, that the time had been that any might have hired one to fast for him, and asked, whether it would be allowed now? The priest said, Yea; and so it was agreed. The yeoman coming to the poor folks at the gates, asked, if any there would fast for him; and they said, Yea. And one poor woman, among the rest, desired she might fast, and offered to do it for three-pence. Nay, said he, thou shalt have a groat, and meat also besides. The other yeoman seeing that, hired likewise another. When time of the confession came, which was Saturday, at night, the said yeoman, coming to the priest, was asked how he believed in the sacrament of the altar? and said, he must believe to be there, flesh, blood and bone. Nay, no bone, said the other, because the scripture saith, *Ye shall break of him no bone*. Beware, said the priest, ye must take heed of that, and believe there both flesh, blood and bone. So, much arguing was between them. The priest declared, he must write the confession, and that it must be sent up to the queen; and so were all the confessions of the Lady Elizabeth's attendants; that so, as I suppose, they might be the better known, and such of her servants might be discharged, whose confessions were not catholick enough, and others put in their places. But to proceed; What would you, said the priest, that I shall write? Which do you believe? Chuse you, said he, for your peril be it. As you teach us, so say that I believe; but put no bone, for then ye cannot break it. And so he wrote flesh and blood, but omitted bone. One Robert Horneby, then groom of her privy chamber, refused the same time; whereupon, after coming from Woodstock to Hampton Court, he was brought before the council, and so committed to the Marshalsea. But, at length, by Dr. Martin's means, delivered.

Thus that good princess continued in imprisonment for near two years; and when she was enlarged and dismissed home, yet a guard was appointed over her at her own house, which were, Sir Thomas Pope and Sir John Gage; who were always spies upon her, and her family; and oftentimes her servants, whom she most favoured, were sent for away from her. And, being at Lamheir, Jerningham, that was master of the queen's horse, came with another, who was her gentleman usher, and fetched away at once four of her women servants; Mrs. Ashely being one, whom she loved well, and was the chief about her; and these were laid in the Tower; for what reason it doth not appear. This happened a little before Bishop Gardiner's death; which proved a benefit to her; he being her great enemy; for after she lived in more quiet and security.

1555.  
She is dismissed;  
but under  
a guard.

But these afflictions sat close upon her, apprehending herself in danger every moment of some sudden death, knowing what enemies she had, and what snares had been laid for her. But she remained constant in her obedience to her sister the queen; was very conversant and earnest in her prayers and devotions, and very much exercised in succouring of good men in their necessities, as she was able. During this her afflicted condition, all pious and sober men had a great eye to her, and were in great concern for her, on whom their future hopes, and the success of true religion, depended. One of these was Dr. Had-  
 don, who, having a good genius in poetry, administered his comfort to her in a paper of smooth Latin verses; advising her therein to patience and trust in God, and a continuance in her well-doing, with a kind of prophesy of her preferment at the last:

Her behaviour in  
her afflictions.

p. 86.

ELIZABETHA, diu multorum mole laborum  
 Obruta, sæpe pio volvis in ore preces.  
 Sæpe Deo tristes casus, et acerba dolorum  
 Vulnera proponis, sæpe requiris opem.  
 Non venit ad votum subito: cito crescat ut ardor  
 Mentis, et in cœlo discat habere locum.



1553.

*Distulit auxilium, sed tandem numine pleno**Spiritus adveniens, pectora mœsta levat.**Spiritus ille levat, qui Christi membra beati**Multa premi patitur, nulla perire sinit.**Fide Deo, succurre bonis, reverere sororem,**Sic tibi perpetuus cursus honoris erit.**ELIZABETHA, vale; Christo gratissima virgo,**Chara piis princeps, ELIZABETHA, vale.*

The occasion of her trouble, Wyat's rebellion.

But to proceed to the ground of all this trouble to the Lady Elizabeth, which was Sir Thomas Wyat's insurrection, occasioned by the great dislike the English nation took at the Spanish match, now resolved upon, as was mentioned above, and the fears of that royal princess's safety. And so Wyat himself, at his condemnation, declared it plainly: "I was persuaded, that by the marriage of the Prince of Spain, the second person of this realm, and next heir to the crown, should have been in danger; and I, being a free-born man, should, with my country, have been brought into bondage and servitude of aliens and strangers." A relation hereof is given us at large in Hollingshed, and other historians; to which readers may have recourse. Yet some of the transactions of this stir, that, perhaps, are not read elsewhere, I shall set down, partly from the journal of one who then dwelt in London, and partly from certain letters wrote from the court to the Earl of Shrewsbury, then in the North.

Vitell. F.5.

Ex Offic.  
Armor.

The city  
upon the  
watch.

Jan. 26, began the watching in arms at every gate in the city. For tidings were now come to the queen and her council, that Sir Thomas Wyat, Sir George Harper, Sir Henry Iseley, Mr. Cobham, Mr. Rudston, the Knevits, and divers other gentlemen, were risen, because of the Prince of Spain's intended coming to marry the queen; and that they kept Rochester Castle, and the bridge, and other places.

Soldiers  
raised in  
London.  
Vitell. F.5.

Jan. 27. The city sent into Kent a great number of men in white coats; the captains to command them, and the rest of the forces, were the Duke of Norfolk, Earl of Ormund, Sir George Hayward, and divers others. But many of the guards, and of the

white coats, took their opportunity and went over to Wyat's side; whereupon the captains went home again. Wyat had gotten some ordnance that belonged formerly to the king. After the captains retired, Wyat came forward towards Dartford, with his army towards London. 1553.

On the 28th, the queen sent to Wyat and his company the master of the horse and Mr. Comptroller, to know their intent; and they returned answer, that they would have the queen and the Tower in keeping, and some other things. The queen sends to Wyat.

On the 29th, Wyat, Harper, Iseley, and the rest, were marching towards Blackheath, and so forwards towards London, with a great army. p. 87. He comes to Blackheath.

How the queen resented these doings, and how the conspiracy spread into the West, and other parts, a letter will discover, wrote from some great lord, Jan. 28, to the Earl of Shrewsbury; wherein he ascertained him, "That the queen was in good health of her body, but sick in certain naughty members of her commonwealth; as the Carows in the west parts, and Wyat, Harper, and Colepepper, in Kent; of which disease he trusted Almighty God would shortly deliver her majesty. For the Carows, they had heard, were ready to run; that the country of Devonshire would not harbour or countenance them; that Gawen Carow made great haste out of Exeter; that the Kentish men also seemed to faint; that Harper offered to persuade the people to go home to their houses, so he might have the queen's pardon; and that Colepepper made the means he could to get thence. That the Duke of Norfolk, and divers others, as the Lord Clinton, Lord Cobham, the master of the queen's horse, and divers other gentlemen, were gone towards the rebels; who, indeed, had assembled at Rochester, and there kept the passage. That the Duke of Suffolk was stolen from his house at Shene, with his two brethren, to Leicestershire, having been met at Stony Stratford; and that the Earl of Huntingdon was gone into those parts after

1355. him ; and that the duke was proclaimed traitor. That the cause of this insurrection, they vaunted, in all places, to be the queen's marriage with the Prince of Spain.

Foreign  
succour  
feared.

And that which rendered this rebellion the more formidable, was, that it was feared some forcible invasion, at this time, from France, might assist and join with these seditious persons at home ; which was the cause the queen gathered all the strength she could, and sent to all her nobility and gentry, with the more celerity, to come in to her with all the force they could raise. To the Earl of Sussex (that was late her lieutenant, when he raised an army for her crown) thus she wrote the last day of January but one.

BY THE QUEENE.

*Marye the Quene.*

The queen  
to the Earl  
of Sussex.  
Titus, B.2.  
p. 123.

“ Right trusty and right welbeloved, we grete you wel. And forasmuch as divers seditious persons, traiterously conspiring together, have raised a most unnatural and perillous rebellion against us, our laws and dignity royal, tending to the utter destruction of this our realm, if speedy remedy be not provided ; we do therefore charge and require you, as ye tender the surety of our person, and the preservation of this our native country, that raising al the force of hable men, ye be hable to make of your servants, tenants and friends, and others under your rules and offices, ye do with the same, in warlike maner, repair unto us with all possible speed. Wherin the more earnest expedition you make, the more acceptable service shal ye minister unto us. This matter requireth so much the more hast, for that many of the said rebels have openly said, that they want not in this their detestable doings, the aid and succours of certain of our ancient enemies in foreign parts. Yeoven under our signet at our palace of Westminster, the XXX. of January, the first year of our reigne.

p. 88.

To our right trusty and right welbeloved cousin  
and counsillor the Earl of Sussex.”



Now all the care was to keep Wyat out of the city. Therefore, Feb. 1, orders came, that all crafts should find a double number of men at this dangerous juncture; and that none but householders should come to London Bridge, and the gates and the draw-bridge there, to defend the city in that part; where great guns were planted, and afterward the bridge was broken down. There was then a precept, that each man in every house should make and provide a white coat, for his soldier to wear.

1553.  
The citizens guard  
London  
Bridge.

The same day, at noon, was a proclamation made in Cheapside, at Leadenhall, and Magnus Church Corner, with an herald of arms, and one of the queen's trumpeters, accompanied with the lord mayor, and the Lord Admiral Howard, and the two sheriffs, that Sir Thomas Wyat was a traitor and rebel, and all his fellows likewise; declaring therein, that the said Wyat required to have the queen in custody, and the Tower of London in his keeping.

Sir T. Wyat  
proclaimed  
a traitor.

About three of the clock in the afternoon, the queen came riding from Westminster unto Guildhall, attended with a noble retinue of lords and ladies, bishops and knights, heralds at arms, and trumpeters blowing, and all her guard in harness. There she declared, in an oration, to the mayor and the city, and to her council, her mind concerning her marriage (which had occasioned all this present danger and disturbance) that she never intended to marry out of her realm, but by her council's consent and advice; and that she would never marry, but all her true subjects should be content with it, or else she would live as she had done hitherto; but that she would call a parliament as shortly as might be, and as she should find cause. This the journal-writer makes the chief contents of her speech, to pacify and keep the citizens in a stay; but her whole speech is preserved in some of our Chronicles. She then also told them, that the Earl of Pembroke should be her chief captain and general against Wyat, and the lord admiral should be associate with the lord mayor, to

The queen  
comes to  
the city.

1555. defend and keep the city from all attempts. After this the queen departed from Guildhall, and rid to the Three Cranes in the Vintry, and took her barge to Westminster.

A procla-  
mation for  
taking  
Wyat,

On the 3d day went forth a proclamation, that whosoever should take the body of Sir Thomas Wyatt, except Harper, Iseley and Rudston, should have and enjoy, as a reward, an 100*l*. land, to them and their heirs for ever. On the same day, Wyatt, with the rest, came into Southwark, at afternoon, with his army; and the morrow after they made their trenches in divers places, and planted ordnance.

Whocomes  
to South-  
wark.

Orders to  
watch the  
passages  
into Scot-  
land.

p. 89.

In the mean time the Earl of Shrewsbury, lord president of the North, dispatched letters both to Sir Thomas Wharton and Sir Robert Constable, who were chief officers in the Marches between Scotland and England, that they should watch the passages into Scotland. And Wharton, Feb. 4, wrote to the earl, that he presently had depeched two servants of his; one to his deputies at Cockermouth and Fornesse, to keep good watch for the apprehension of the Duke of Suffolk, or any other traitors or suspect persons, according to his lordship's honourable commandment: professing, that therein, and in all other commandments, he should be ready to serve her highness, and attend his lordship, as might stand with his pleasure.

Wyat  
comes to-  
wards Lon-  
don by  
Kingston,

Feb. 6, being Shrove Tuesday, in the morning, Wyatt and his company returned back from Southwark toward Kingston-upon-Thames, thinking to enter London that way; but there he found the bridge plucked up: yet causing one of his men to swim over to fetch a boat, he and his men marched that night toward Kensington, and so forward. The same day two men, that were spies, were hanged upon a gibbet in Paul's church-yard, the one a spy of Wyatt's, and other the under sheriff of Leicester, for carrying letters of the Duke of Suffolk, and some other things. This day also were the Duke of Suffolk, and his brother, the Lord John, brought on

Spies  
hanged.

Duke of  
Suffolk  
brought to  
the Tower.

horseback to the Tower, guarded by the Earl of Huntington, with two (others write three) hundred horse. 1555

Feb. 7, in the forenoon, Wyatt, with his army and ordnance, were at Hyde Park Corner. There the queen's host met them, with a great number of men of arms on horseback, beside foot; by one of the clock the queen's men and Wyatt's had a skirmish, and many were slain. Wyatt took the way down by St. James's, with a great company, and so to Charing Cross, and onward toward London, still crying, *God save Queen Mary!* till he came to Ludgate, and knocked there, thinking to have entered; but the gate being kept fast against him, he retired back again toward Temple Bar, and there yielded himself unto Mr. Norroy, the herald, in his coat of arms; where being mounted behind a gentleman, was brought unto the court. By the way many of his men were slain ere they came to Charing Cross, some with morice pikes, and some with bills; and many others of them cried, *We be the queen's servants, and Englishmen*, under a false pretence, and to make men believe the queen had given them pardon; and divers of them took the queen's men by the hand, as they went towards Ludgate. This happened on Ash Wednesday; and, the same night, Wyatt, Cobham, Vane, and the two Knevets, and other captains, were sent to the Tower.

As for the court, how it stood there in this disturbance, take from the relation of one who was then one of the queen's gentlemen pensioners, and present then in arms.

Preparations made at the court for defence upon Wyatt's coming

The queen, and her people at the court, were in great consternation. When Wyatt was come to Southwark, being there with his army, intending to enter London that way, the gentlemen pensioners were commanded to watch in armour that night, for the preservation of the queen's person; and they came up into the chamber of presence, with their pole-axes in their hands. Whereat the ladies were very fearful;

Underhill's Relat. Int. Foxii MS.



1558. some lamenting, crying, and wringing their hands, and said, "Alas! there is some great mischief towards us! We shall all be destroyed this night! What a sight is this, to see the queen's chamber full of armed men! The like was never seen nor heard of!" But the concerns, it seems, were not the same in London, the gates whereof were fast shut up and locked; for when the council had that night, about p. 90. eleven a clock, dispatched Geogre Ferris to the Lord William Howard, who had the charge of the watch at London Bridge the same night, Ferris, and two or three more of his company, being come to Ludgate, the citizens, who kept a strong watch there, notwithstanding they declared to them that they came from the court, and upon the queen's urgent business, did but laugh, and refused to let them pass, pretending the keys were gone; and still much laughing were heard among them.

Sir John  
Gage, at  
the court  
gates, flies.

When Wyat could not pass the bridge, and was come about, old Sir John Gage was appointed without the utter gate of the court, with some of his guard, and his servants, and others with him; the rest of his guard were in the great court, the gates standing open. Sir Richard Southwel had the charge of the backsides, as the wood-yard, and that way, with as many. The queen was in the gallery by the gate-house. Then came Knevet and Thomas Cobham, and a company of the rebels with them, through the Gate-house from Westminster upon the sudden. Wherewith Sir John Gage, and those with him, being armed only with old brigandines, were so frightened, that they fled in at the gates in such haste, that he fell down in the dirt, and so the gate was shut; whereat the rebels shot many arrows. By means of this great hurly burly in shutting the gates, the guard, that was in the court, made as great haste in at the hall-door, and would have come into the hall among the pensioners; which they would not suffer. All this that I now write is taken from the relation of Underhill, one of the gentlemen pensioners present at these

transactions. Then they went, saith he, thronging towards the water-gates, the kitchens, and those ways. Gage came in among the pensioners all dirty, and so frighted, that he could not speak to them. 1555.

The pensioners upon this issued out of the hall into the court, to see what the matter was ; where there was none left but the porter, the gates, being fast shut. As they went towards the gates, meaning to go forth, Sir Richard Southwel came forth of the back-yards into the court : Sir, said the guard of pensioners to him, command the gates to be opened, that we may go to the queen : we will break them open else ; it is too much shame the gates should be thus shut for a few rebels. The queen shall see us fell down her enemies this day before her face. Masters, said he, and put off his murrion off his head, I shall desire you all, as you be gentlemen, to stay yourselves here, that I may go up to the queen to know her pleasure, and you shall have the gates opened ; and, as I am a gentleman, I will make speed. Upon this they stayed, and he made a speedy return, and brought them word, the queen was content they should have the gates opened ; but her request is, said Sir Richard, that ye will not go forth of her sight ; for her only trust is in you for the defence of her person this day. So the gate was opened, and they marched before the gallery window ; where she spake unto them, requiring them, as they were gentlemen, in whom she only trusted, that they would not go from that place. There they marched up and down the space of an hour ; and then came an herald posting to bring news, that Wyatt was taken. Immediately came Sir Maurice Barkley, and Wyatt on the same horse behind him, unto whom he yielded at the Temple-gate ; and Sir Thomas Cobham behind another gentleman.

The pensioners issue out.

Their courage.

He that celebrated mass before the queen on Wednesday, whilst Wyatt was now at Charing-Cross, was Dr. Weston, and wore harness under his

1553.  
Weston  
says mass  
now in  
harness.  
The queen  
thanks the  
pensioners  
for their  
service.

vestment; as Weston himself reported to one Mr. Roberts.

Anon after, the guard of pensioners were all brought into the queen's presence, and every one kissed her hand; of whom they had great thanks and large promises, how good she would be unto them. But few or none of us got any thing, as the fore-mentioned gentleman wrote, although she was very liberal to many others, that were enemies to God's word, as few of us were.

## CHAP. X.

Victory over Wyat. Arraignments and executions of the Lady Jane, and the Duke of Suffolk, and divers others. The Earl of Devon and Lady Elizabeth sent to the Tower. King Edward's bishops deprived.

The cares  
and fears  
of the  
court.

**D**URING these disturbances, the queen and council were wholly ingulfed in cares for putting things in a posture to meet with and quell the mutineers; insomuch that they had no leisure for other matters. And orders were now given out, that no salaries nor fees should be paid to any for a time; and no manner of suits were heard; nor yet, if any came with any, were they regarded; and, since the taking of Wyat, the council was continually employed about search into this conspiracy, which was thought to be great. The Lord Thomas Grey, the other brother of the Duke of Suffolk, was taken about this time, going toward Wales, and was coming up. And, notwithstanding the said duke and Wyat, with the most part of the captains, were now in hold, and in the Tower, yet such were their fears above, that there was nightly watch in the court, in harness, and day and night in London.

The Lord  
T. Grey  
taken.

Te Deum  
sung.

But now Wyat being overthrown and routed, and his chief accomplices in sure custody, on the 8th of



February, commandment came from the queen and the Bishop of London, that in St. Paul's church, and in every parish church in London beside, *Te Deum* should be sung; and that there should be ringing of bells every where, for the victory the queen had obtained. 1553.

In the midst of these disturbances, the Bishop of Winchester thought fit to give the queen a sermon, on Sunday, Feb. 11; wherein, according to the fierceness of his disposition, he exhorted her to use no mercy, but extreme justice, towards these Kentish rebels. To which sermon and counsel all those bloody doings that followed the very next day and week after must be attributed, and that plenty of gallowses set up two days after in and about the city. Bishop Gardiner preaches before the queen.

The next week was taken up in executions; and a bloody week it proved, both in London and in the parts where the rebels dwelt. For it began on Monday, February 12, with the taking off the head of the Lord Guilford Dudley, upon Tower-hill; and within an hour after, the Lady Jane's head was stricken off within the Tower; who, indeed, had a very hard chapter—to be set up to be queen, even against her will, by the lords of the council, and by them to be soon after adjudged to be executed for being queen: which office they themselves, in effect, had imposed upon her; who also took an oath roundly to bear true allegiance to her, and in a very short time broke that oath, nay, and it is to be feared, when they took it, intended not to keep it. This an eminent man in those times severely laid to their charge: "They that were sworn chief of the council with the Lady Jane, and caused the queen (Mary) to be proclaimed a bastard through all England and Ireland, and that were the sorest forcers of men, yea, under the threatened pain of treason, to swear and subscribe unto their doings, bewrayed the matter themselves underhand by their wives and other secret shifts, and afterwards became counsellors, I will not say procurers, of the innocent Lady Jane's death; and at this pre- Executions

Lady Jane  
beheaded.

p. 92.

Ponet, Bi-  
shop of Winches-  
ter, in his  
treatise of Politic  
Power.

1553. sent are in the highest authority in the queen's house, and the chiefest officers and doers in the commonwealth. And some of them that wrote most earnestly to a certain lord of the realm (Archbishop Cranmer, perhaps), among many others, in favour of the Lady Jane, by bastarding and railing upon the queen, were not ashamed, within a few days after, when the same lord was locked up in the Tower, for his constant, although constrained, obedience to the common order of the council, to be the most strange and rough examiners on the contrary part; as though themselves had never halted in the matter." Perhaps the Marquis of Winchester, the Earl of Arundel, and the Earl of Pembroke, were intended by this writer as some of the chief of these notable temporizers.

Her character.

But thus was the Lady Jane brought to the scaffold, that incomparable woman, that carried so divine and brave a soul in a female body: she was of exemplary piety, as well as of excellent learning, being well skilled in the Latin and Greek tongues, and a great reader of the Grecian orators and philosophers. Ascham (who was well acquainted with her at court, and had received many learned letters from her) coming, in the year 1550, to her father's house in Leicestershire, when all others were taking their pastimes and at their sports, he, being admitted into her chamber, found her reading Plato's *Phædo*, in Greek, being then but fifteen years old; with which he was so taken, that (as he wrote in a letter to his friend, the learned Sturmius) that goodly sight was always before his eyes. And, indeed, she understood and spake Greek so perfectly, that as he could but admire it, so he thought any one else would scarcely believe it. And when the same Ascham had understood that Sturmius had translated some orations of *Æschines* and *Demosthenes* into Latin, and intended to publish them, he exhorted him to dedicate them unto her, in respect of her learning, and good-will toward learned men, and particularly to him and his. Ascham also gave this character of her: "That however illustrious

she were by her fortune and royal extraction, these bore no proportion to the accomplishments of her mind, adorned with the doctrine of Plato, and the eloquence of Demosthenes.\* He reckoned her and Lady Mildred, Sir W. Cecyl's wife (who spake and understood Greek as if it were English), to be the two learnedst women in England, but gave the Lady Jane the preference; and, finally, he thought a more worthy pattern could not be propounded to the nobility. 1553.  
p. 93.

Her high birth, and virtuous qualities, and admirable accomplishments; her innocency and pardonable fault; her resolute and brave death; and Queen Mary's, and some other courtiers' severity, in causing her to be executed, are excellently described by a wise and learned man in that age, and well acquainted with the transactions of that court, viz. Sir Thomas Chaloner, whose elegy upon her is worthy the reading, and may be found in the Catalogue; wherein she is commended both for her beauty, and, that which the more set it off, her becoming and taking speech; for her stupendous skill in tongues, being well versed in eight, viz. Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chaldee, Arabic, French, and Italian, besides the English. She had a natural wit, and that improved by art and study: she played well on instrumental music; she writ a curious hand; and she was excellent at her needle: and died at scarce eighteen years of age. And notwithstanding all these rare endowments, she was of a mild, an humble, and a modest spirit, and never shewed an elated mind till she shewed it at her death. For which the queen was very hardly thought of; that when the nobles were Her elegy.  
No. IX.

\* Cujus (D. Janæ) cultior est animus doctrina Platonis, et eloquentia Demosthenis, quam fortuna illustrior, aut regio genere, &c.

Non est, si quid in me judicii sit, dignius exemplum, quod in oculis hominum feratur, quod in lucem et conspectum appareat, quo reliqua nobilitas ad veram laudem, et insigne decus evocari possit. Epp. Asch.



1553. indeed guilty of the crime, she should lay the punishment upon her, that, in effect, was innocent. To this cruelty and injustice the poet attributed the shortness of Mary's reign, and her long languishing sickness, touched with the stings of her guilty mind for this blood. And that the chief authors of this dire counsel were taken off, not long after, by just vengeance from above; one dying of the dropsy, and another of the stone, and another with a grievous distillation of rheum, and others with other diseases.

Punish-  
ment taken  
upon the  
rebels.

Thus this *Black Monday* began, with the execution of this most noble and virtuous lady, and her husband. On the same day, for a terrifying sight, were many new pairs of gallows set up in London: as, at every gate one, two pair in Cheapside, one in Fleet-street, one in Smithfield, one in Holborn, one in Leadenhall, one at St. Magnus, one at Billingsgate, one at Pepper-alley-gate, one at St. George's, one in Barnesby-street, one on Tower-hill, one at Charing-cross, and one at Hyde-park-corner; and there they stood for a terror to the citizens till Wednesday, Feb. 14, when men were hanged on every gibbet, and some quartered too. In Cheapside six; at Aldgate one, hanged and quartered; at Leadenhall three; at Bishopsgate one, and he quartered; at Moorgate one, and he quartered; at Ludgate one, and after quartered; at Billingsgate three hanged; at St. Magnus three hanged; at Tower-hill three hanged; at Holborn three hanged; at Fleet-street three hanged; at Paul's Church-yard four; at Pepper-alley-corner three; at Barnesby-street three; at St. George's three; at Charing-cross four, whereof two belonged to the court, viz. one Booth, a footman, and Vicars, of the guard; at Hyde-park-corner three, one of them named Pollard, a water-bearer. Those three hanged in chains; but seven were quartered, and their bodies and heads set upon the gates of London.

Earl of  
Devon-  
shire sent  
to the  
Tower.

The same 12th of February the Earl of Devonshire was sent to the Tower upon some suspicions against him, being of the royal blood, with a great

company of the guard; and the Lady Elizabeth, upon the same account, was sent for three days before, but not yet come. The let was, her sickness.

1555  
Lady Elizabeth sent for.

On this inauspicious day (to carry the tidings of the noble blood that was shed therein, and the executions that were preparing to follow) the Earl of Bedford, lord privy seal, and the Lord Fitzherbert, were dispatched towards the emperor's court, accompanied with half a score gentlemen and their servants: they were convoyed over by Mr. Winter, admiral of that fleet, one secretly concerned in Wyat's plot.

p. 94.  
An embassy to the emperor.

On the 17th day, the Duke of Suffolk was arraigned at Westminster, and cast.

On the 18th day were had into Kent certain captains, as Bret, and twenty-two more of the rebels, to suffer death there.

Twenty-three sent down into Kent to be executed.

For the great quantity of blood shed upon this occasion, and for the numbers of innocent people that, without proof, suffered also, a writer in those times thus exclaimed: "Who could ever have thought that such cruelty could have entered into the heart of a woman, and into the heart of her that is called a *virgin*? That she should thirst the blood of innocents, and of such as, by just laws and faithful witnesses, could never be proved to have offended by themselves. I find that Athaliah, in appetite to reign, murdered the seed of the kings of Judah; and that Herodias's daughter, at the desire of a whorish mother, obtained the head of John the Baptist: but that ever a woman, that suffered herself to be called *The most blessed Virgin*, caused so much blood to be spilt for the establishing an usurped authority, I think, is rare to be found in scripture or history." And in respect of the gallows set up in divers places of London, he added, "I find that Jezebel, that cursed idolatress, caused the blood of the prophets of God to be shed, and Naboth to be martyred unjustly for his own vineyard: but, I think, she never erected half so many gallows in all Israel, as Mary hath done in London alone."

The severity of these executions exclaimed upon.  
Knox's Admonition.

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Several ar-  
raigned.

On the 19th were arraigned in Westminster-hall, Sir William Cobham, and two of his brethren, the Lord Cobham's sons. Sir William and one of his brothers were not cast (Hollingshed saith, they came not to the bar); but Thomas Cobham, the youngest, was. On the 20th was arraigned, the Lord John Grey, the Duke of Suffolk's brother, and cast; but afterwards obtained a pardon.

One exe-  
cuted at St.  
George's.

On the said 20th day, one of the condemned persons going into Kent, to Cranbrook, to be executed (a wealthy man), was, upon farther consideration, fetched back again, and brought to St. George's church, and there hanged by four of the clock at night. The 21st day, the Lord Thomas Grey, the Duke of Suffolk's other brother, and Sir James à Croft, were brought on horseback to the Tower. On the 22d day was arraigned one Booth, sometime of Calais, and cast for treason.

Others ar-  
raigned.

The same 22d day, the Kentish men, that had lately been in arms (to the number of four hundred and more, according to Stow; two hundred and forty, according to Hollingshed), went to the court, with halters about their necks, and bound with cords two and two together; and so passed along through London to Westminster. And between the two tilts the poor prisoners kneeled down in the mire; and the queen's grace, looking out over the gate, gave them all pardon: whereat they cried, "God save Queen Mary!" And they went to Westminster-hall, and there they cast their halters and their caps about the hall, and in the streets where they went, and cried out, "God save Queen Mary?"

Many of  
the rebels  
pardoned.

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Lady Eli-  
zabeth sent  
for up.

The Lady Elizabeth, in the midst of these confusions, was sent for up (as was said before), some jealousies being surmised of her by her enemies, as though she had been concerned in this conspiracy. So that February 23, though she were then sick, she came riding to London, through Smithfield, unto Westminster, between four and five of the clock at night, with an hundred velvet coats before her. Her



grace rode in a chariot, open on both sides ; and after her rode an hundred coats of scarlet and fine red, guarded with silver ; and so through Fleet-street unto the court, by the Queen's Gardens.

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On the 23d, the Duke of Suffolk lost his head on Tower-hill, between nine and ten of the clock afore noon. To do right to this most noble prince, because he is so illy described, and passed over to posterity under such a wrong character, as I conceive, I shall here set down a truer and better. Sir John Hayward saith thus of him : “ That he was a man, for his harmless simplicity, neither misliked, nor much regarded.”—Bishop Burnet : “ That, for his weakness, he would have died more pitied, if his practices had not brought his daughter to her end.” But after these, I will leave this great peer to the opinion of the world, under the words of a good historian, that wrote before either of them : “ Such was the end of this Duke of Suffolk ; a man of high nobility by birth, and of nature to his friends gentle and courteous ; more easy, indeed, to be led, than was thought expedient : of stomach stout and hard ; hasty and soon kindled, but pacified strait again, and sorry, if in his heat ought had passed him otherwise than reason might seem to bear : upright and plain in his private dealings : no dissembler, nor well able to bear injuries ; but yet forgiving and forgetting the same, if the party would seem but to acknowledge his fault, and to seek reconciliation : bountiful he was, and very liberal ; somewhat learned himself, and a great favourer of those that were learned ; so that to many he shewed himself a very Mecænas. As free from covetousness, as void of pride and disdainful haughtiness of mind ; more regarding plain-meaning men, than claw-back flatterers. And this vertue he had, that he could patiently bear his faults told him by those whom he had in credit for their wisdom and faithful meaning towards him. He was an hearty friend unto the gospel, and professed it to the last.” He entertained in his family John Aylmer, a very learned and good

Duke of Suffolk be-headed.

His character.

1553. man, who was afterwards Bishop of London. He was a patron to Bullinger, that great light of Switzerland, who dedicated some of his Decads to him. But he must ever be famous to posterity for being father to that incomparable woman, the Lady Jane, above mentioned; whose death that he had been the instrument of hastening, aggravated his grief; which occasioned her to write a kind letter to him, to alleviate his perplexities in respect of her; which is extant in Fox's Martyrology.

More pardoned with  
halters on.

The queen extended her pardon on the same 23d day unto certain other Kentish men in Southwark; who went, it seems, as the others the day before, with halters about their necks; and, having their pardons, cried, *God save the queen!* and cast their halters on high in the streets, as they passed along.

The sepulchre, and  
palms, and  
shrift  
ordered  
this Lent.  
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But in the midst of these matters I must not be silent, that the restoration of the old religion went on vigorously. For now, against Easter, commandment was given, that in all churches in London, the sepulchre should be had up again; and that every man should bear palms, and go to shrift.

Fears from  
some fled  
abroad.

Sir Peter  
Carew.

Wyat's rebellion was not so concluded and put to an end, but that some of his complices, and particularly Sir Peter Carew, being fled abroad, were practising to attempt anew upon the queen. She therefore hastily, in this month of February, issued out her orders and instructions to the officers of the counties, of the West parts chiefly, to make musters of the counties, and to appoint captains over them, to be ready; and, withal, effectually to put the popish religion in strict execution: for which purpose, thus she addressed her letters:

BY THE QUEENE.

*Mary, the Quene.*

Orders for  
musters  
thereupon.  
Otho, E. 11.

“TRUSTY and wel-beloved, we grete you wel. And whereas we have heretofore signified unto you the detestable conspiracies, and abominable trea-

sons, that were in sundry places of this realm, even at one instant, and by one accord practised against us, our crowne and dignity royal, by the Duke of Suffolk and his two brethren, Wyat, Carewe, Crofts, and other their complices: albeit their snares being by the grace of God broken, and themselves in safe custody, to receive according to justice; yet, considering that their said conspiracy, tending to the utter destruction of us and our realm, is not only spread through many parts of this our realm, among many corrupt members of the same, but also made and attempted in foreign parts, by the detestable traitor, Sir Peter Carew, and certain others with him; we think it so much the more necessary to have all our good subjects not only warned hereof, but also to have them in such a readiness, as they may be the more able to defend their natural country, and us their sovereign lady, against these unnatural traitors. And for the doing hereof, we have caused articles of instruction to be made, which ye shall receive herewith.

“ Our plesure and expres commandment therefore is, that, before all things, having earnest regard that God’s service be set forth and maintained, according to our laws, ye forthwith, upon the sight hereof, apply your self wholly, if it be not don, to the perfecting of the musters of that our county of after such maner and sort, as by our said instructions is appointed unto you, naming to every hundred men a discrete and skilful captain, to be taken of the inhabitants of the same shire: wherein, when ye shal have taken a true and perfect order, our plesure is, ye shal make a plain and ful certificate unto us, or our privy council, of the same: signifying thereby, both the whole number of able men of the said county, with the names of captains appointed for the leading of the same, &c. that they may be always ready, upon one hour’s warning, &c. Given at our palace at Westminster, Febr. the first of our reign.”



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Commit-  
ments, ar-  
raignments,  
&c.

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Lord Thos.  
Grey and  
Sir Thos.  
Wyat, ar-  
raigned.

Out of a  
council  
book.

Various other commitments, arraignments and executions, were performed in the remaining days of the month of February, and the beginning of March: as, namely, of Sir William Santlow, one of the Lady Elizabeth's gentlemen, the Mantels, the Knevets, the Isleys, Rudston, Bret and Carow of the West; Sir Nic. Throgmorton, Sir James Crofts, Sir Edward Warner, Rogers, Vaughan, Thomas, Fitzwater, &c. Some pardoned afterwards, and some executed.

On the 9th of March, the Lord Thomas Grey was arraigned at Westminster, and cast. And on the 15th of the same, Sir Tho. Wyat also (who had been kept thus long, hoping to get out of him a confession of the whole conspiracy, and somewhat or other to bring the Lady Elizabeth into trouble) was arraigned and cast to be hanged and quartered, and his members to be set up. And accordingly he lost his head upon Tower Hill, April 11, and his estate was forfeited to the queen. A part whereof was Alyngton Castle, and other lands in Kent; which she granted by lease afterwards to Mrs. Fynche, by whose means they fell into the hands of Sir John Guldeford, Kt. perhaps nearly allied to her. And he spared not, but cut down and sold away the woods in such great quantity, that in the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, the knowledge of this came to the court. And the lords of the council thought fit to send a letter to him, requiring and charging him, in the queen's name, to cease and forbear, from thenceforth, to fell or sell any more woods than were already felled upon the lands of Alyngton Castle, and other lands, that sometime were Sir Tho. Wyat's, deceased, until the queen's pleasure, touching that matter, were further known; or else, that his interest should be seen and considered by her highness's learned council. Which letter the said lords signified, that they addressed to him upon credible information, that he had made such waste of the said woods, as he seemed thereby to intend rather a spoil, than the preservation of the same.

Sir Nicolas Throgmorton also, who had repaired up out of the country, and surrendered himself to the council, underwent his trial soon after, in the month of April; but had the good fortune to be acquitted by his jury, notwithstanding strong jealousies of his being a deep conspirator: whose post was thought to be at London, as a factor, to give intelligence as well to them in the West, as to Wyatt and the rest in Kent. That he gave notice to Wyatt to come forward with his power, and that the Londoners would be ready to take his part; and that he sent a post to Sir Peter Carow also, to advance with as much speed as might be, and to bring his forces with him. He was said, moreover, to be the man that excited the Earl of Devon to go down into the West. And that Sir James Crofts and he had many times consulted about the whole matter.

1553.  
Throgmorton tried and cleared.

These I pass over; and shall mention only one more, who, though innocent, smarted for these tumults: and that is, the Lady Elizabeth, mentioned before: who, having been before cited up to the court, and there remaining under some restraint for a while, and after let go home again, was, on the 18th day of March, carried to the Tower in the afternoon, when things looked black upon her: for Bishop Gardiner, the lord chancellor, watched any opportunity to catch her tardy, whose succession to the crown, of all things in the world, he most feared. Therefore, there was a pretence, that a bracelet was conveyed to her by Sir Tho. Wyatt, wherein all the secrets of that conspiracy lay hid. This the lord chancellor, in his examination of Wyatt's affairs, and of his accomplices, is said to search out, piercing the matter further than others. The author whence I take this, was so unkind to that lady, as to believe the thing; but so kind to Gardiner, as to clear him from using or urging his knowledge of this to the said lady's peril. But Wyatt cleared her immediately before he went forth to his execution; and she most solemnly protested her innocency. Yet she could not escape

Lady Elizabeth sent to the Tower.

Parson's Ward Word, p. 44.

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1553. close confinement, and very rough handling, as we heard before.

Narrow  
examina-  
tion about  
her and  
the Earl of  
Devon.

And in the examinations of those that were taken up for this plot, narrow inquiry was always made about this lady and the Earl of Devon. So it was with Sir Nic. Throgmorton ; and very fain the privy counsellors, employed in this work, would have got out of him something against them. For when at Throgmorton's trial, his writing, containing his confession was read in open court, he prayed the queen's serjeant, that was reading it, to read further, "That hereafter, said he, whatsoever become of me, my words may not be perverted and abused to the hurt of some others, and especially against the great personages of whom I have been sundry times, as appears by my answers, examined : for I perceive the net was not cast only for little fishes, but for the great ones."

The Earl of  
Devon will  
not meddle

And as for the Earl of Devon, he was, indeed, tampered with by the conspirators to enter into their plot, persuading him to go down into the West ; where his influence, by reason of his noble ancestors, would have been considerable for their purpose. He was told by Sir Nic. Throgmorton, that he and Sir Edward Warner, and divers other gentlemen, would accompany him out of town, and that Sir Peter Carow should meet him with a band of horse and foot, by the way of Andover, for his safeguard. But all would not move him to stir from London : so that the conspirators, seeing his prudent resolution not to meddle in this dangerous matter, gave out, that he had discovered all to the chancellor ; or that it was come out by his tailor, about the trimming of a shirt of mail, and making a cloak.

Spaniards  
misused.

While these agitations were in England, and Wyatt and Carow, and their parties, had, as was said before, sufficiently shewed their disgust of a match with Spain, many of the common sort, as they had opportunity, would abuse Spaniards, (of whom there seemed to have been good store here already) and offer them



indignity, especially merchants; insomuch that many of that nation that were hastening over hither, and divers of them merchants with their ships and commodities, began to be at a stand, and were loth to venture themselves in a country so disaffected to them. 1553.

Whereat the queen, who as much favoured them, sent forth her letters in February to her justices and officers, to this tenor; "That whereas she was informed, that upon occasion of certain vain and seditious rumours, lately spred abroad by Peter Carow, Wyat, and other traitors of that conspiracy, divers of the subjects of her good brother, the emperor, haunting this her realm, had of late been misused, and uncourteously entreated by some of her disordered subjects, contrary to the good peace and amity that was betwixt the said emperor and her, she meaning the conservation of her said good brother's friendship and good neighbourhood; and understanding, that for certain his necessary affairs, he sent presently divers of his ships and subjects to the seas, who, being warned by their late evil entertainment here, stood in some doubt to traffic or resort into any of the ports of her said realm; did let them wit her wil and special commandment was, that they should give order and strait charge in her name unto al such her havens, ports or creeks, as were within that her county of

Which  
causeth  
letters from  
the queen.  
Titus, B. 2.

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that her officers and subjects, dwelling in or about any of the said havens, ports, &c. should not only suffer such of her said good brother's ships and subjects, merchants, or others, as either by force of weather, or otherwise, should happen to arrive in any of her said ports, peaceably to enter and abide in the same, without any their trouble or disquiet; but also to use them in friendly maner, and to se them aided and succoured with victuals, or such other things as they should have need of, for their reasonable money: charging her said subjects not to fail hereof, as they tendered her displeasure, and would answer for the contrary at their peril. Ycoven under

1553. our signet, at our palace of Westminster, the of February, the first year of our reign."

Bishops  
deprived  
by com-  
mission.

A commission was, in the month of March, granted to the lord chancellor, the old Bishop of Durham, and the Bishops of London, Chichester, and St. Asaph, to deprive King Edward's bishops, upon pretence of their being married; and, on the 16th day, they accordingly deprived the Archbishop of York, the Bishops of Lincoln, Chester, and St. David's; and, on the next day, the Bishops of Hereford and Gloucester.

The voice  
in the wall.

About the 14th of March, in Aldersgate, or in a house near it, was a strange voice heard in a wall, that spoke unto several people; and, whatever it were, by it such seditious things were uttered, as it was afterwards complained of to the lord mayor. But it was not long before it proved a deceit, and was made known by divers, what it was; and such as were concerned in it were taken up, and committed to several prisons; some to Newgate, some to the Counter, and others to the Tower. This voice was called, *The Spirit in the wall*. It was given out to be the work of the Holy Ghost, or some angel. The report of it occasioned great flocking thither. It was discovered afterwards, that the words were uttered by whistle through the hole of a wall, which a wench dexterously did: and because the words were not very intelligible, there were certain confederates, that interpreted them to the by-standers; the tenor whereof was, against the Prince of Spain, and the queen's matching with him, and against auricular confession, the mass, and other popish worship newly introduced.

Sir Tho.  
Grey, of  
the North,  
in trouble.

As this year was fatal to the noble house of the Greys, so Sir Tho. Grey, related, it is probable, to them, was now in trouble. He was one of the best reputation in the parts adjoining to Scotland. John Lord Conyers, who had the charge of the east marches for anempst Scotland, and resided at Berwick, made this Grey of council with him in that charge: but the

queen had sent letters to the Lord Conyers for the said Sir Thomas to appear before the Earl of Shrewsbury, lord president of the North, and the rest of the council there, the first Monday in Lent: but the Lord Conyers ventured, for all this, to stay him from appearing then; because, as he sent word to that council, he could not then be absent, such need was of him. An attachment was soon after awarded out against him: but even now again the Lord Conyers desired the earl, that he might answer by his attorney sufficiently warranted; and that a commission might be awarded to such of the country as should please his lordship, to take his answer.

1555.  
John Lord  
Conyers,  
warden of  
the east  
marches.

As in the southern parts the people had no stomach to receive the old rejected popish service, now lately enjoined again; so neither in the northern quarters had the common people any better disposition toward it; at least, in some places. Thus the town of Burneston, in the north riding of Yorkshire, was so averse to receiving again the mass, that they were complained of to the council in the North; there being at that time no Bishop of Chester (in whose diocese the parish was) to apply to for remedy; which occasioned John Latymer and Christopher Nevyle, justices of peace, as it seems, in those parts, thus to write unto the Earl of Shrewsbury: "Further certifying your good lordship, that the vicar and churchwardens of Burneston, within the limits of our commission have complained to us the lack of things necessary for the setting forth divine service. Whereupon we have commanded them, in the queen's name, to provide: which to do they are very stubborn. And for because the town aforesaid is in the diocess of Chester, whereof there is no ordinary to make complaint unto, therefore we do certify your good lordship, to the intent that we may know what is further to be done; that we may endeavour us accordingly. Dated March 18."

The North,  
how affect-  
ed to re-  
ligion.  
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Ex Epist.  
Com.  
Salop. in  
Offic.  
Armor.

The old year went off with some expressions of the queen's mercy: for, March 24, the Lord Marquis of Northampton, the Lord Cobham and his two sons,

The Marq.  
of North-  
ampton  
and others  
pardoned.



1553. and divers others, were delivered out of the Tower, and had the queen's pardon,

## CHAP. XI.

A farther account of Mountain's troubles. The troubles of Dr. Crome. A pious nobleman in prison for religion.

Wyat offers the prisoners in the Marshalsea liberty.

**L**ET us now look again upon Thomas Mountain, whom we left in the Marshalsea, and his fellow-prisoners. To him and the rest that lay there for religion, Wyat, being in Southwark, sent his chaplain, offering to set them at liberty (but none else) if they desired it. But either so ready were they to stand in a good cause, and to maintain the truth, leaving their cause in God's hand, or so unwilling to do any thing that might seem to give countenance to his rebellion, that they sent him a civil refusal, with thanks. With which answer they understood Wyat was well pleased, as report was afterwards made to them.

Several papist divines visit Mountain.

This same Lent there came unto Mountain, Dr. Chadsey, Dr. Pendleton, Mr. Udal, Parson Pyttis, and one Wakelyn, a petty canon of St. Paul's. All these laboured Mountain very sore for to recant; which, if he would do, "my lord chancellor," said Chadsey to him, "would deliver you, I dare say; and you shall have as good livings as ever you had, and better." To whom he answered, "I would not buy my liberty, nor yet my lord's favour, so dear, as to forsake my good God, as some of you have done; the price wherof you are like one day to feel, if you repent not in time. God turn your hearts, and make you of a better mynd. Fare you wel; you have lost your mark; for I am not he you look for. And so we parted." Dr. Martyn also did one time send for him to come speak with him at the Bishop of Winchester's house, offering him many good livings, if he would submit himself unto the said bishop. To which he answered, "If I should go about to please men,

I know not how soon my Maker would take me away: for a double-hearted man is unconstant in all his ways. I trust that your sweet balmes therefore shall never break my head; and seeing that I have begun in the spirit, God forbid that I should now end in the flesh." Hearing this, he parted from him in a great fury; and going out of his chamber, he swore a great oath, saying, that he was as crafty a heretic knave as ever he talked with, and that he did nothing but mock at my lord. "Thou shalt gain nothing by it, I warrant thee, said he: keeper, have him away, and look straitly to him, I counsel you, til that you know further of my lord's plesure."

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These prisoners had got among them an abusive description of the person of the Prince of Spain, and something reflecting also upon the queen and the match; as, indeed, there were many libels dispersed against it, as going against the grain of the English nation. It was discovered and informed, that a copy of this description was among the heretick prisoners; and Mountain was reported to be the composer of it; whereas he had it from a friend, and one Stonyng transcribed it: whereupon Sir Tho. Baker, Sir Tho. Moyl, and Sir Tho. Holdcroft, Kt. Marshal, sat in commission within the Tower, to examine Mountain, and three more about it. They utterly denied they were the authors of it. Then Sir Rich. Southwel, "To the rack, To the rack with them: serve them like hereticks and traitors as they be;" and suddenly fell fast asleep as he sat at the board. Afterward, upon examination, when one of them had asserted whence he had it; and Stonyng acknowledged he wrote it out; then they were all locked up every man by himself, and Stonyng staid behind, and was had down to the rack, and laid upon it, and so pulled, that he began to crack under the arm-pits, and other parts of his body; and then was taken off, and put in a brake of iron, his neck, hands, and feet, and so he stood all night against a wall; and the next day taken out again. And thus continuing pri-

An abusive  
description  
of the  
Prince of  
Spain.

1555. soners in the Tower a quarter of a year, the council ordered them to be sent to the Marshalsea again, where they were before. What afterwards became of Mountain, and of his removal to the gaol at Cambridge, we shall hear under the next year.

Dr. Crome  
taken up.

To the two eminent preachers I have mentioned before, I shall here add a third, now also taken into custody, namely, Dr. Edward Crome, once of the university of Cambridge, and of eminency while there, minister of Aldermary church, an old city minister, an excellent preacher, and a great setter forth of true religion, and well known and favoured by King Henry. Some say, that he afterwards recanted and subscribed, and so got his neck out of danger; as, indeed, many now-a-days did, through the violence of the persecution; and some of these formerly of good reputation for their zeal to true religion. Of this Crome, being contemporary with Latimer, and of great fame through Henry, Edward, and Mary's reigns, I shall set down some passages, to preserve his memory.

Examined  
before the  
king and  
the pre-  
lates,  
anno 1530.

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In the year 1530, he was said by some to be abused, and, by some, to be perjured too. It is certain that he was examined by the Bishop of London, and divers other of the prelates, in King Henry's presence, at York-Place, concerning some doctrines which he had preached, being then parson of St. Anthony's, and noted and suspected for certain heresies and heretical doctrines, as they called them; namely, concerning purgatory, praying to saints, and saints praying for us, pilgrimages, the Lent fast, the seven sacraments, worship of images, praying for the dead, merit by good works, the authority the bishops have to suspend; whether kings are bound to give their people the use of the scriptures, or may prohibit it; concerning consecrations and blessings used in the church. At his examination he declared to the bishops, that his judgment was according to theirs in these points, and that the mistakes concerning him and his doctrine, arose from the misapprehension of the hearers; the king



told him, after a long hearing, that he would see that he should have no wrong; but neither would he maintain him in any evil. So he seems to have acknowledged before them his faith in fourteen particulars, which sounded somewhat ill to the ears of a thorough-paced gospeller. They are as follow, as I extracted them out of a Foxian MS. : 1553

“ The XIth day of March, 1530, Mr. Edward Crome, professor of dyvinytie, of the unyversytie of Cambridg, and parson of St. Antonyes of London, being noted and suspected for certain heresies, and for heretical doctrin, was convented before the Bishop of London, and other bishops, at the king’s house, called York-Place, and did acknowledg and confess his faith, as following : His confession.

“ *Imprimis*, That sowles departed are afflicted and purged in purgatorie.

“ 2. That the holy martyrs, apostels and confessors, being departed, are to be honoured, called upon, and prayed unto.

“ 3. That the saints in heaven, as mediators, pray for us.

“ 4. That pilgrimage and oblations may be don meritoriously at the sepulchres and reliques of saints.

“ 5. That Lent and other fasting days now in use, are to be kept, unless necessitye do require otherwyse.

“ 6. That yt is necessary to salvation to beleve, that God doth give grace to the seven sacraments; and that they, and every of them, are to be received.

“ 7. That yt is lawdable and profitable to have images in the churches in the memory of Christ and his saints.

“ 8. That the prayers of the living do profit the dead in purgatory.

“ 9. That men may meryt by ther fasting and other good works.

“ 10. That those that are forbidden by the bishops (by reason of suspicion of ther faith) ought to leave

1553. off preaching and teaching, tyl such tyme as they purge themselves before ther superiours.

“ 11. That kings and princes are not bownd of necessitye to suffer the people to have the holy scripture in the vulgar tongue.

“ 12. That kings and princes may for the time or dayn, that the people shall not have the scriptures in the vulgar tongue.

“ 13. That consecrations, sanctifications and benedictions, after the maner of Christians, receaved in the church, are lawdable.

“ 14. That I did ever beleve that these opinions are trew, and whosoever doth hold the contrary, in my judgment, doth erre.”

At the foot of these articles are these words:  
*Nota, That these were not subscribed, but only registred.* Hence we conclude Crome subscribed not  
 p. 103. unto these articles, but only confessed them, or some things to the like effect, by word of mouth before the bishops.

Explains  
in his own  
church his  
former  
confession.

This trouble went off thus, without obliging him to a public recantation. But some of his friends thought it advisable, that he should make some declaration and explication more at large of his mind and judgment in those points, that, as the report went, he had acknowledged before the bishops; which he did in his own parish church. I refer the reader  
 No. X. to the Catalogue, where he may read it; where he will find that Crome did in effect own these articles, but mollified them as much as he could, and purged them from the superstitions and abuses which the papists had grounded on them. His timorousness, indeed, made him sometimes acknowledge such doctrines, which he had much ado to reconcile to what he formerly had said; though he pretended that in that confession he revoked nothing that he had preached in times past. But this the reader may be judge of, that will take the pains to read what he delivered in his declaration.

His worth and merits were so much esteemed by

the good Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, that about the year 1540, when King Henry was founding anew his cathedral of Christ's Church, Canterbury, he earnestly interceded with the Lord Cromwel, that Crome might be placed dean there, esteeming him the fittest in England for that dignity, using these words to the said lord, in a letter wrote from Croydon: "Assuring you, my lord, that I know no man meeter for the dean's room in England, than Dr. Crome; who by his sincere learning, godly conversation, and good example of living, with his soberness, hath done unto the king's majesty as good service, I dare say, as any priest in England. And yet his grace daily remembreth all others that doth him service, this man only except; who never had yet (beside his gracious favour) any promotion at his highness's hands. Wherefore if it would please his majesty to put him into the dean's room, I do not doubt but that he should shew light to all the deans and masters of colleges in this realm; for I know that when he was but president of a college in Cambridge, his house was better ordered than all the houses in Cambridge besides."

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Cranmer  
propounds  
Crome for  
dean of  
Canter-  
bury.

Cleopatra,  
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About the time of Anne Ascue's suffering, viz. in the year 1546, he preached at St. Thomas Acres, now called Mercers' Chapel. There he proved learnedly, in a time of Lent, "That Christ was the only sufficient sacrifice unto God the Father, for the sins of the whole world; and that there was therefore no more sacrifice to be offered for sin by the priests; for that Christ had offered himself once for all." For this doctrine he was apprehended by Bishop Bonner, and brought before Bishop Gardiner, and other of the king's council. To them he promised to recant, or explain his doctrine at St. Paul's Cross; which he did, Bonner and all his doctors sitting by. But he so preached and handled his matter, that he rather verified his former assertions, than denied any part of them. Bonner took him home with him, shewed him his dislike of his sermon, and had him before

Praches  
in St. Tho-  
mas of  
Acres.

He recants  
a Paul's  
cross.



1553. the council ; making him come up again at the Cross the next Sunday after his appearance there ; and then I suppose his recantation was indited to him ; and that it might be before the more witnesses, they procured the chief of the council to be there. Then he denied Christ's sacrifice to be sufficient for penitent sinners, and that the sacrifice of the mass was good, godly, and a holy sacrifice propitiatory, and available both for the quick and the dead ; and he confessed that he had been seduced with naughty books, contrary to the true doctrine of Christ ; and in this doing, he said, he was not compelled so to say, neither for fear, nor by any other means, but only of his free and voluntary will. And this recantation, which was made June 27, was home indeed ; persecutions grew hot at this time ; and he saw nothing but burning before him, unless he complied. Bonner took care to preserve his recantation in his Register, where it still remains.
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The sermon at Paul's Cross, explanatory of that at Mercers' Chapel, take this account of from a manuscript.

Crome's  
Sermon at  
Paul's  
Cross, ar.  
1541.

" In the 33d (it should be 38th) of the king, Dr. Crome preached at Paul's Cross, May the 9th, being Sunday, upon this gospel, *I am a good shepherd*, &c. John ix.

Fox. MS.

" In his sermon he noted Christ to be a good shepherd chiefly in two points : one was, in teaching a doctrine not reprobable ; the other was, in that he gave his life for his sheep, or to save his sheep from the wolf. Then did he compare the good shepherd and the evil together, and thus he said : the evil shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, seeth the wolf coming, leaveth the sheep and flyeth, because he is a hireling, and the sheep not his ; but I am a good shepherd, saith Christ, &c. Then he noted the evil shepherd, therefore to be called, as appeareth in the same chapter, a hireling, a thief, a murderer. Then, said he, we ought to give thanks to our good shepherd, which gave his life for his sheep,

making to his Father one everlasting sacrifice; which sacrifice once offered, hath satisfied for the sins of all that are, were or shall be saved until the end of the world; and then he gave God thanks, which hath layd aside many strange voices. ‘For my sheep,’ saith Christ, ‘hear my voice; and the voice of a ‘stranger they know not.’ Then he declared the Bishop of Rome his usurped power to be a strange voice, his pardons, pilgrimages, purgatory, Peter-pence, faigned religion, foundations of monasteries and chauntries, to be strange voices; and in this uttering, said he, I have found my brethren the priests wondrously offended with me, and that for two causes: one was, they say, because I speak against their living; the other cause is, for because that I have spoken of late mych ayenst the Bishop of Rome, calling him *beggar*, occasioned so to do by the gospel that then I was in hand with, which is in the 18th chapter of St. Luke.

1553.

By two things he offended the priests.

“To the first thus I answer: I for my part would my brethren to have a living, even as I would myself to have a living; but I would not have them to abuse the blessed sacrament for a living, but that they should have it after the truth, as God’s word appointed it to them.

Answer to both.

“Now to the second, saith he, thus I answer: the Bishop of Rome begging by his primacy, pardons, purgatory, Peter-pence, pilgrimages, faigned religion, foundation of monasteries and chauntries, is a bold, valiant, sturdy beggar. Wel, the beggar is now gon, said he; yea, the king’s majesty, with his high court of parlament, have taken this beggar by the head, and whorled him quite out of the realm, like an idle beggar. But, alack! this bold beggar’s staf hath this beggar of Rome left here behind him; which staf beateth both the bodies and souls of men. Now, saith he, the Bishop of Rome, that bold bragging beggar, being thus cast out, laud be to God and our prince, his staf would I wish to be with him; yea, I would wish himself to have it in his own hand;

The pope compared to a beggar

This beggar’s staf.

1553.

for many poor men are dayly beaten with it; and I my self have been beaten with it. For, as I understand, men of worship appointed thereunto of late, have preached, and in their sermons have beaten me with the staf of the beggar; and that even for saying, that the sacrifice of the mas doth not take, nor put away sin. But I put it to your judgment, to judge what he would say, if he durst, to our sovereign lord the king; considering that he indeed doth alter their fond foundations, and put them to other, considering the error therein. That the Bishop of Rome hath the conditions of an angry beggar, we may prove it thus: the angry beggar threatneth, curseth, and fighteth. The Bishop of Rome threatneth, first, with interdiction al such as will not obey his froward wil; second, he curseth with excommunication al such as aid or counsil those which regard not his interdiction; as the chronicles of England, and of other countries, make mention. Thirdly, he fighteth, by setting princes together by the ears against him which regardeth not his interdiction, and great curse; promising great indulgence for their so defending holy church.

Falsely reported to have recanted.

Which he denyeth at the Cross.

“Then turned he to the text again, desiring men to pray for the good Shepheard; and, according to the custom, prayed. The prayers done, he stood up and said these words: Worshipful audience, I come not hither to recant, nor yet am I commanded to recant, nor, God willing, I wil not recant. Yet notwithstanding, divers and many have sent letters abroad, informing their friends that I should recant, to the great slaunder of God’s word, and of me, being a poor preacher of the same, admitted within this realm of England. But as for me, I care not; but yet I would wish them that they would send half so many letters, informing their friends that I have not recanted. Wel, God forgive them; and yet wil they, nil they, I will pray for them, wil them good, and wish them good. And then he shewed them, that in a sermon made at the Mercers’ Chappel, on Passion



Sunday upon the ix. chap. to the Hebrews, he declared with the text, that Christ, our high shepherd, entering into the holy place once for al, not with strange blood, but with his own precious blood, hath found plentiful and eternal redemption. Upon the which occasion, said he, I said, and say again, that the Bishop of Rome hath wrongly applied the sacrifice of the mas, making it a satisfaction for sins, of the quick and dead, as he hath don the blood of martyrs oftentimes: and then he shewed, that to call it a sacrifice he would not stick, for a sacrifice it is of thanksgiving to our only shepherd for his once offered offering; which hath made a ful satisfaction of al the sins of them, which believe and cleave to him by faith. Yea, it is *eucharistia*, which is to say, *sacrificium laudis*; yea, and it is to us a commemoration of Christ's death and passion, according to his own words, *Hoc facite in meam commemorationem.*" 1553.

In King Edward's days he still flourished in fame and reputation for his preaching and piety, and noted for his charity and patronage of learning and learned men. I find a letter of address in this reign to him from one Thomas Mannyng, a poor scholar, for his relief; who having studied for divers years in Oxford, maintained at his parents' charge, they being now dead, and he eighteen years old, could, for want of maintenance, follow his studies no longer there: which necessity brought him to London; where he set up his poor condition upon Paul's church doors; but no relief followed. Then he was advised to apply himself to Dr. Crome; which he did by a letter in Latin, superscribed thus: "Viro non minus eruditione, quam sapientia et autoritate claro, magistro doctori Crome." Wherein he laid open his poor condition to him in good elegant style; and that he fled to him "tanquam sacram anchoram:" "That the public fame that went of him, that he was a favourer and patron of all candidates of good literature, put him in great hopes of finding success; it being generally reported, that he both could and

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King Ed-  
ward's  
days.

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1553. would afford succor unto such." He was, I suppose, one of those divines in London, into whose hands the wealthy and well-disposed citizens deposited their charitable monies, for the exhibiting to ingenious men at the universities; whereof, for the honor of that city, there were many in those days there.

Whether  
he recant-  
ed under  
Q. Mary.

In the beginning of Queen Mary's reign, he was, with other divines of the greatest fame, taken up; and some report, that he recanted; of which I make a doubt. For, to trace him as near as we can, Jan. 13, he was laid in the Fleet for preaching on Christmas Day without licence, since the queen by proclamation had forbidden all preaching. Jan. 30, he, with Taylor, Bradford and some others, appeared before the Bishop of Winchester, and other bishops, sitting in commission from Cardinal Pole, the pope's legate, in St. Mary Overy's church; when Crome desired two months' respite for the giving in his answer. And it was granted him (saith Fox) by a mistake; for one month only was granted him. Within which space, nor at the expiration of it, it is certain he did not recant, but remained firm. For toward the latter end of April, there was a purpose, that he, with Rogers and Bradford, should be conveyed to Cambridge, to dispute there, as Cranmer, Ridley and Latymer had done at Oxford. And May 8, I find his name, with Hooper, Ferrar, Bradford, Philpot, and other eminent divines then in prison, subscribed to a declaration, that they would not dispute but before the queen or parliament, or else by writing, because of the foul play their fellows lately met with at Oxford. And I find in a letter from Ridley to Hooper, he desired, in his name, to salute that reverend father, his fellow-prisoner, Dr. Crome. "By whom, said Ridley, since the first day that I heard of his most godly and fatherly constancy in confessing the truth of the gospel, I have conceived great consolation and joy in the Lord. For the integrity and uprightness, the gravity and innocency of that man, all England, I think, hath known long ago. Blessed

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be God therefore, which in such abundance of iniquity, and decay of all godliness, hath given unto us, in this reverend old age, such a witness for the truth of his gospel. Miserable and hard-hearted is he, whom the godlines and constant confession of so grave and innocent a man will not move to acknowledge and confess the truth of God!" And in the margin are these words, "Of this good father's godly end, and constant confession of the truth, you shall read the next edition of the Book of Martyrs." This is inserted by Coverdale, who put forth this book of the Martyrs' Letters, anno 1563. But we do not find any account of Crome in the after-editions of the Book of Martyrs, which makes me leave this matter under doubt. 1553.

And his carriage before the Bishop of Winton, and the rest of the commissioners, seemed not to be with that boldness and resolution, as appeared in some of his other fellow-prisoners: which yet he might do out of a prudent wariness, to avoid the extreme danger he saw now impending, if he should shew himself immovable, seeing them resolving to make quick work, and Hooper and Rogers by them sentenced to death the same day he appeared before them. For the judiciary process against him stood thus, as I collect from the Acts themselves. On the 29th and 30th days of January, when the commissioners sat in great formality and state at the church of St. Mary Overy's, alias St. Saviour's, on which days Hooper, Rogers, Bradford, Tayler, Saunders and Cardmaker, were summoned, and all of them, but the last, condemned; then also Crome appeared, to whom Bishop Gardiner, the chief commissioner and spokesman of the rest, repeated his exhortation, which he before now made him, which was, to reconcile himself to the unity of the catholic church, and confess his faith in the sacrament of the altar, according to the doctrine of the catholic church. Here the reverend man entering into a dispute, did not shew himself resolved, but *in multis hæsitabit*, that is, Judiciary proceedings with Crome. p. 107. Fox's MSS.



1553. "hesitated in many things," say the Acts. So he was appointed the next day, viz. Jan. 30, to come before them again, between eight and ten in the morning. When that day came, Dr. Crome was called: he is said "With an humble spirit and supplication, to request further time to be granted him to deliberate with himself, and to consult with learned men for the information of his conscience in this his cause; saying, that he intended not pertinaciously to adhere to his private opinion; but if he could be persuaded by the word of God, he should willingly alter his conceived judgment. And so praying for two months to be granted him, my Lord Bishop understanding and seeing his humility, allowed him the space of a month then next ensuing for the effect abovesaid. But Crome, by all this, seems to me rather to have intended the gaining of time, than that he meant to comply. But let this lie at the reader's conjecture. I shall add but this more of Crome, that the Archbishop of York and Bishop of Chichester, after a disputation held with Bradford at parting, willed him to read a book, that, as they said, did Dr. Crome good: which leaves the matter dubious.

A noble-  
man in  
prison for  
the profes-  
sion of the  
gospel.

Amongst the rest now cast into prison, and there detained, for the profession of the gospel, I must not forget one who was noble, and the more truly noble, in that he most sincerely adhered to the true religion in the midst of these dangers. His name I cannot certainly assign; but I suspect him to have been the Lord Russel; who was now, I am sure, a prisoner. Divers letters were now wrote to him to comfort and establish him; which was the way used then by the preachers, when they had not the liberty of free access. It had been this lord's desire, that letters of this sort might be writ to him, declaring in what good part he took them. One of these letters addressed to him by some pious divine unknown (probably Lever) I have seen, and thought worthy preserving in the Catalogue. He commended him,

"For his incredible stoutness in Christ his master's

cause, and added, that it was not altogether in vain, that God's word had been taught and read unto the nobles; that all of them were not jeerers and mockers (it seems most of them were) covetous and ambitious, fleshly and riotous. He wished that a few more were of that earnest zeal and boldness in Christ, that this lord had declared himself to be. He exhorted him to weigh what a good master his heavenly Father was, that made him so good a scholar, to find in his heart to despise all things in comparison of him and his word, as favour and fair words of men, honour, riches, pleasure, lands, possessions, parents and friends, wife and children. This was the Lord's working in him. He advised him to be strong, and establish his conscience upon the Lord's word. And, finally, by no means to consent to, or receive the mass; but to compare the mass that was of man's making, with the supper that was of Christ's institution." But I betake the reader to the letter itself. 1558  
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## CHAP. XII.

The deprivation of the married priests. The injustice and severity thereof. The Romish clergy now in place. Their unclean lives. Their character.

ONE of the chief things thought upon, in order to the reinstating of the pope and his religion, was the getting rid of the clergy throughout England, that favoured King Edward's proceedings; that they might no longer officiate in their churches, but be thrown out, to let in others that were of the popish sort. The taking advantage of their wedlock was thought a good expedient for this purpose; for the parliament, in the last reign, having, by two several acts, allowed priests to marry wives, great numbers of the clergy, in all parts, had joyfully taken this liberty. But this only thing was now made matter of deprivation, by the queen's order and letter to all the bishops, in the be-

Proceed-  
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the mar-  
ried clergy.

1553. ginning of March; influenced so to do by Gardiner, and some other violent papists about her, notwithstanding the laws were yet in force that allowed their marriage; but, however, upon this order, officers were presently appointed in every diocese, to make inquiry, and to turn out of their livings and livelihooods, all priests that had taken wives, and to divorce them asunder.

In the diocese of Litchfield.

Int. Fox. MSS.

Priests deprived.

And thus it was in the diocese of Litchfield and Coventry, R. Sampson, the bishop there, speedily sending out his commissaries so to do. Thus I find, in the original papers of this inquisition, that D. Pole, LL. D. vicar-general, and principal official to the bishop, articulated and deprived divers of the clergy for this cause: namely, H. Williams, dean of the church of Litchfield, who married Eliz. King, widow of Alan King, of London; also Nic. Cotton, vicar of Great Over, in Derbyshire, who married Joan Cooper, widow; J. Prynne, curate of Quatford, in Shropshire, who married Thomasine Holt, widow; and J. Garleke, chaplain, who married Ann Oreton, single woman.

Tho. Chedulton, canon of the church of Litchfield, and a commissary to the said bishop, at this time, and on this occasion, articulated divers other priests for their marriage, and deprived them: namely, William Wain, vicar of Marston; John Dawson, vicar of Melburn; Tho. Gossenel, rector of Trussely; Peter Hart, rector of Matlock; Bernard Brandon, chaplain of Pentridge; George Davye, chaplain, curate of Scropton; Sir Thomas chaplain of Codnor; also Henry Holgreve, vicar choral of the prebend of Longdon, in the cathedral church of Litchfield; Rich. Hewer, clerk, vicar choral of the prebend of Hondesacre, in the said church.

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Moreover, in the archdeaconry of Statford, David Pole aforesaid, did article and deprive several other beneficed priests for the same grievous crime of marriage: as Nicolas Morrey, rector of the church of Rolleston; Tho. Eynsworth, vicar of the church of Uttoxater; Robt. Baslowe, vicar of Burton-upon-



Trent and Stapenhul; Robt. Ashton, rector of Moccleston, and vicar of Sondon; Rich. Slany, vicar of Penne; Jeffrey Bagshaw, vicar of Colwich; Edm. Crockel, Edw. Hawes, and Rich. Brooks, chaplains; and John Garlyke, and Henry Thecka, clerks.

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In the archdeaconry of Coventry, Rich. Walker, canon resident of the church of Litchfield, and the bishop's special commissary in this behalf, did article and deprive these persons following, for having wives: Hugh Symonds, vicar of the church of St. Michael Coventry; Wm. Benet, vicar of Trinity church, Coventry, Rich. Baldewyn, rector of Allesley; Simon Pope, rector of Warmington; John Boole, rector of Southam; Tho. Wyrley, rector of Bourton upon Dunsmore; William Warner, rector of Radwey; John Vernam, vicar of Stotteswel; Edw. Hopkinson, vicar of Hilmoreton; William Forster, vicar of Corley; John Alcock, vicar of Kynnesbury; John Cruer, vicar of Pakewood; Will. Bond of Upper Whittacre; John Sendal, chaplain of Byrmyncham; Tho. Hewes, chaplain of Manceter; Henry Farryngton, chaplain of Shelton; — Hartewel, chaplain of Kirkeby Monachorum; Edward Bolevaunt, rector of Witnashe, and Will. Mashender, chaplain, late canon regular of the order of the Premonstre.

It was objected, against all these married priests, three-and-forty in number (besides God knows how many more in this single diocese) that some of them were professed of the rule of St. Benedict, or St. Augustin, or St. Francis, or St. Dominick, or of the Cistercian, or Premonstratensian, or Carthusian order; or that they had taken holy orders; whereby, according to the holy canons, and constitutions, and ordinations, and laudable ecclesiastical customs used in the church, especially the western or Latin church, they had all vowed chastity and continency. The form of the articles against them may be seen in the Catalogue.

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And, in this business, these deprivers were so quick, and went so roundly to work, that they stayed

One appeals.

1553. not for the appearances of the priests to answer for themselves, nor sometimes so much as cited them to answer, but deprived them to rights without any more ado ; which caused one of them so served, being more brisk than the rest, and knowing he had law of his side, to appeal to the queen and the parliament for the wrong and injury done him. His name was Pope, rector of Warmington: he set forth, that he was a man of unspotted life and conversation ; that Commissary Walker had pronounced against him a definitive sentence, contrary to all laws and right ; without any citation or calling him to appear, without any conviction of crimes or confession of the party. Besides all this wrong, that he threatened that he would not yet make an end with him, but bring him into further trouble ; which was the cause of his appeal to the queen's majesty, whom he styled " Defender of the Faith, and Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of England and Ireland ;" and to the court of parliament, or to any other competent judge, to which by right and the statutes of this realm he might appeal ; which appeal, being somewhat remarkable,

No. XIII. I do reposit in the Catalogue. For the further hearing and examination of this business, there seemed to be a commission sent down to several divines and

p. 110. lawyers in the neighbouring dioceses, whose names were, as they are written on the backside of this appeal, John Wyat, B. D. rector of the parish church of Kegworth, in the diocese of Lincoln ; Robert Patchet, LL. B. and commissary of John Bishop of Lincoln ; William Weston, M. A. in the county of Leicester : also the rector of the church of St. Michael, of Buntington, in the diocese of York ; John Rookesby, George Palmes, and John Daykins, &c.

The injustice of this deprivation, and the cruelty thereof,

Thus all the married clergy were thrust out of their livings, for this most grievous crime of matrimony, though allowed them by the laws of the land ; which act was horribly severe and unnatural, and turned some thousands of men, women, and children a-begging : and, which was worst, the married priests

had no other callings to betake themselves to, to get food to feed themselves and families. But little regard was had hereto; only here was a harvest for other popish curates, to get into benefices and livings. Of this, thus did a grave writer in those very times, and suffered in this kind, express his mind: "They that enjoy the profits of their possessions (that were married) I would should right well note, that like as princes and rulers be subject to changes, and that death as soon knocketh at the door of the rich as of the poor, so a man's right dyeth not; and law in another world will charge the transgressor, though ease in this world so flatter the conscience, that God is forgotten, and the flesh maketh full merry. What is extortion, if this be not? To put out of goods and living one without a cause, and to thrust in another without a just title? But all this cannot suffice you, unless you may please your throats and ears with crying out upon us, Thieves, hereticks, and traitors, when you have taken from us both our country, our goods, and most lawful possessions; yea, and all that we have, saving God alone, whom with his word ye have left to us, and driven away from you, to our comfort, and your eternal shame and perpetual infamy." Thus the losers would, at least, have leave to talk and complain.

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against  
Martin.

1553.

However strictly the married priests were looked after and punished by divorce and loss of their livings, yet some escaped this inquisition, being the less suspected when they complied and conformed themselves to the religion of the state. Such an one was Fairbank, a curate of Warbelton, in Sussex: he had not put away his wife, notwithstanding the queen's injunctions, but kept her secretly. This man had preached in his parish in King Edward's time, that none of them should believe any other doctrine than he did preach and teach them, according to the doctrine set forth in that king's days; but, in the beginning of Queen Mary, he preached doctrine clean contrary. This gave great offence to some of the soberest

Some  
priests  
escaped  
divorce.



1555. of his parishioners, and created a contempt of his person and ministry; and one Woodinan, a parishioner of this man's, would not suffer him to christen his child, and charged him not to be lawfully called, he meant, to officiate as a priest under Queen Mary, since none were to do so but those that were divorced from their wives, which he was not.

The priests  
single, but  
unclean.

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The Romish clergy, that now came into play, mightily valued themselves for their being unmarried, and for having no wives, as the protestant divines had: yet they were men, even the bishops and dignitaries not excepted, scandalously addicted to uncleanness, and the loose women they consorted with well known; and sometimes their adulteries and fornications so notorious, that they underwent public shame and punishment. And as they were of unclean lives, so many of them were uncleanly and basely begotten, to the disparagement of the church wherein they were preferred.

Bonner's  
family.

Mr. Petyt's  
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Bonner, Bishop of London, was bastard all over: he a bastard, his father a bastard, his grandfather a notorious whoremaster. For this was his pedigree, as I find it set down in a collection of old MSS.: "Sir John Savage, knight of the garter, and of the privy council to King Henry VII. and after slain at Bulloign, had issue lawful Sir John Savage, Knt. who dwelt in Worcestershire; base issue, Sir John (or George) Savage, priest, parson of Danham, in Leicestershire, who had bastards, four sons and three daughters, by three sundry women." Which priest, therefore, Bale bestowed this gird upon: "He was a good ghostly father, old women said, which were well loden with sins, and led away with divers lusts." The names of his children were as follow: "1. George Wimsley (or Wimbesley), priest, Chancellor of Westchester. 2. John Savage, alias Wimsley, Archdeacon of London and Middlesex, and parson of Torperley, in Cheshire. 3. Randolph Savage, of the Lodge, in Cheshire. 4. Edmund Bonner, gotten of Elizabeth Frodsham, who, when she had conceived, was sent to

Elmesley, in Worcestershire, to one Thomas Savage, 1553. and afterwards was married to a carpenter (or a sawyer) called Bonner, of Potters Handley by Malvern Hills. 5. Margaret, who married with one Claydon, of the Wall, in Cheshire. 6. Helene, who married to one Hais, of Litley, in the said county. 7. Elizabeth, who was married to one Goldenstocks, in the same county.

This Bishop Bonner was father to Dr. Darbyshire, Bonner's sons. his chancellor, as ordinary fame went; and he had another base son that was steward of his lands; which gave occasion to a severe repartee Bale made to this Bonner, upon his dislike of King Edward's Office of Baptism, and the imposing upon the infants scripture names, which then began to be given, declaring himself to be for changing the names of Susanna and Rachel, for Joan and Katharine: "His lordship is better acquainted (said he) with Katharine and Joan out of the Bible, than with Rachel and Susanna within the Bible." And that appeareth well by his fruits abroad.

Gardiner, Bishop of Winton, and Tonsal of Durham, and Oglethorpe of Carlisle, were also base born. Bishop Gardiner and his church, unclean. Of whom the first, among other women, kept one Mrs. Godsolve: his church and college of Winchester was scandalous for lechery. Simon Palmer, formerly the relick-keeper, in 1551, so abused a wench of twelve years old, that she could not go for ten days after: his business was brought before the Bishop's Chancellor, Mr. Gascoin, Sir Henry Seimour, and Mr. John Foster, justices of the peace; but by subtil contrivances he escaped hanging. To this church belonged also Sir William Harman, priest, that visited one Daniel's wife; and Sir Peter Langrige, priest, that was too free with others. But the foul stories of these Bale (from whom I take these in- Declarat. of Bon. Articl. formations) reserved to relate in his Roman Votaries.

Dr. Darbyshire, mentioned before, Dr Darbyshire. Bonner's son and chancellor, kept one Anne Caudel, and had children by her. Wymysley, Bonner's base brother, when Wymysley.

1553. he was parson of Torperley, was known to have three or four familiars, and several children by them. Dr. Weston, Dean of Westminster, and after of Windsor, for his scandalous life in adultery, was deprived of his deanry by Cardinal Pole. Bale mentions Mary Hugfal, of Oxford, his old familiar, and the goodwife Peerson, his provider; and Christian Thomas, a widow, whom he brent, or sealed with his hot iron (to use his phrase) at Oxford. He moreover tells the world in print concerning these bishops, Bonner, Gardiner, Tonsal, White, and some others of that function; as Cotes, Bishop of Chester; also Dr. Weston, Dr. Smith, Young, Martin; that he had in his possession a register of their whoredoms, and of their bastard children; and this he received from certain of their own familiars, as he called them, and their privy conveyers, but now repentant: he means, those that were their pimps and bawds, that conveyed whores to them, and their misbegotten children to nurses. Priests within their own parishes had panders to procure them loose women, which Bale styled, "Trusty trulls, known within the parishes to be helpers at such needs, and lusty queans, which used to walk abroad in beggars' apparel, pyc-wenches, and sausage-makers." And when such as these were not at hand, too often were these churchmen guilty of sodomy; and working that which was unseemly so much as to utter, with boys, their chamberlains, that made their beds, and that helped them at mass.

Some  
priests  
brought  
to shame  
for their  
unclean-  
ness.

Dr. Barkley, Queen Mary's chaplain, having to do with an impudent woman at Wells, she lightened him of all he had; for which act he had her in prison, but could recover nothing but shame. Another priest, called Sir Thomas Snowdel, whom they nicknamed *Parson Chicken*, was carted through Cheapside for assoiling an old acquaintance of his in a ditch in Finsbury-field, and was at that riding saluted with chamber-pots and rotten eggs. Sir James Tregennow, curate of St. Ives, in Cornwall, told Bale, October 1, 1553, and he reported it also in the pre-



sence of several other gentlemen, as a matter of sport, that one day he got two fishermen's wives with child, only to uphold the church's profits of chrisoms and offerings. Harpsfield, Bishop Bonner's chaplain, whom Bale called *Dr. Sweetlips*, from his smooth words and fair discourse, and his crosier-bearer in holy confession, enticed a man's wife in London to uncleanness; which she, like an honest woman, discovered. 1553.

Nor were two eggs more alike than these priests were to their fellows in former reigns; for, to add a few passages to shew what they were in King Henry's time, Bale tells us, that he remembered a priest at Malden, in Essex, an unlearned lusk, that lay long about a young gentlewoman to have had his lewd pleasure of her: but more for doubt of hazarding her marriage, than for any true fear of God, she kept him always back, till at last she promised to have his purpose, if he came while the pyes were baking; and then he came upon pretence of confessing her, and had his will of her. In the year 1530, not far off this town of Malden, one came to be confessed at the pardon of the Augustines, lamenting that she being naught with a priest, which was by that act the father of her eldest son, was the cause of disinheriting the right heir, the younger brother, that was only her husband's son. Much ado there was to keep her husband from the knowledge of it, and her from despair; for she was come almost utterly to despair of God's mercy for so wicked a fact. Mr. Wharton, a justice of peace in Suffolk, told Bale, that he brought once to the Duke of Norfolk a wench in man's apparel, with four waiting chaplains, good curates, that had one after another bestowed their chastity upon her. Unchaste priests in K. Henry's reign.

In Bendly, in the marches of Wales, the curate had a love for an husband's wife in the parish; but could never come at her, till he had caused her to feign herself sick; and then he came like a religious confessor, with his cake of god in a box, and the p. 113.

1553. parish-clerk or sexton, with a bell and a lanthorn. Entering the chamber, he bade the sexton and all to avoid, that he might commune with the sick concerning her soul's health, and minister to her the sacraments and sacramentals. The door fast barred, he got to bed with the woman, and his god stood upon the cupboard, which he made his bawd: but by a hole in the wall, they were both seen, and discovered, the door being broke open upon them. But the matter coming before the Bishop of Worcester, he assoiled his chaplain with some little penance.

Wickliff  
of the  
priests.

And that this was the old wont of the priests, appears from a passage taken out of a book of Wickliff, *De Hypocrisi*: "That in his time the gentlemen or nobles being occupied in the wars, the merchants in their affairs, the plowmen in their labours, the priests, monks, and friars, most filthily abused their wives: they made them believe, in confessions, that it was very wholesome to be doing with them in the absence of their husbands, and very medicinal for divers diseases. They affirmed also, that it was a much less sin to have to do with them, than with any laymen; promising, in conclusion, that they would make answer to God for their sins. And some of those women (he saith) certain monks slew, which would in no wise condescend to their wicked persuasions."

Considering all which premises, and the shame and sin of priests and people, by the forbidding marriage to the clergy, the allowance of it under King Edward must needs, by all impartial men, be approved; especially since the word of God countenanceth it, and the ancient practice of the church.

The virtue  
and learning  
of Q.  
Mary's  
priests.

But besides the honesty of the priests in this queen's reign, their virtue and learning was such (that is, so little), saith our forementioned author, that in good King Edward's time they were glad to hide their heads; but now they swarmed abroad by heaps, and were admitted, for money, as fit to hold the people in blindness and ignorance: for, as Bale sarcastically expresseth it, "Their office now was to say their

prayers in Latin, without understanding, properly, to bear their candles soberly, and to offer them to the saints mannerly; to take their ashes devoutly, to carry their palms discreetly, to creep to the cross on Good Friday featly, and to receive their little white maker on Easter Day honourably." And in this also consisted the complete devotion of a popish layman, as well as priest. 1553.

I leave these passages, before recited in this chapter, upon the credit of John Bale, from a work of whom I have taken them; who, though he is sometimes blamed, and blameworthy indeed, for his rude and plain language, and sometimes charged for making mistakes (which, nevertheless, could hardly be avoided by an historian, as he was, that was forced to take up many things from the information of others), is an author of high esteem, and of commendable diligence and integrity, and to whom posterity is much beholden for preserving from utter perishing much of the English Ecclesiastical History. A censure of John Bale.

And thus was the church now plentifully furnished with ignorant, scandalous priests, notwithstanding their single lives; and being placed in their respective parishes, they did not seldom quarrel with their parishioners for chrisoms, candles, purification-pence, eggs on Good Friday, the four offerings, dirge-groats, and such like: for that was the usual reward for singing a mass for a soul. And sometimes, in lieu of that groat, they had a peck of wheat, or a cheese, or a pudding, given them. p. 114. The priests' demands from their parishioners.

The priests, especially the better sort of them, took much care about the habit and apparel they wore: they went about in side-sweeping gowns with great wide sleeves, four-cornered caps, and long tip-pets, new-shaven crowns, and smooth smirk faces; for they shaved their beards, and so were bound to do, as well as their crowns. Their apparel.

Bale, to set out the vices of this order of men according to his way, bestows these nicknames upon them: Sir Laurence Loiterer, Sir Peter Pickthank, Their nicknames.



1553.

Sir James the Jangler, Sir Saunder Sweepstreet, Sir Godfrey Goodale, Sir Thomas Tippler, Sir Quintin Quarreller, Sir Harry Whorehunter, Sir Simon Smelsmock, Sir Benet B—g—r, Whirlery whisking Weston, Wanton wagtail Winchester.

Popish service.

And now, for a sober, grave, intelligible service of God, used in the former reign, came into use “Blind Latin patterings and wawlings (I use the words of John Bale, who would call a spade a spade), whereas one priest crieth like a pig, another bleats like a sheep, another lows like a cow, another grunts like an old sow, another howls like an owl, another chatters like a pye; and then steppeth forth Sir Laurence Loiterer, and he plays jack monkey at the altar, with his turns and half-turns (he means, in regard of the many ceremonious postures then used), and an hundred toys more.”

Priests mind secular employs.

To conclude this chapter, and these accounts of Queen Mary’s priests and mass-sayers: though these men little minded studying the scripture, or preaching the gospel, or improving themselves in divine knowledge, yet very many of them were not idle, but addicted themselves to secular things: divers belonging to noblemen and gentlemen, and looked some to their hawks, and some to their dogs; some were their stewards, others their gardeners, others their accomptants, or the like. But generally they were noted for their spitefulness, and diligence in informing against the gossellers, and bringing them under imprisonment and suffering; and the more ignorant they were, the more bigoted. These matters are more fully related by a sober and grave man, that lived in the midst of these times, and knew them well enough:

Dr. Pilkington’s saying hereupon. Exposit. upon Agg.

“If (saith he) ye want one to keep a curre, rather than a cure, to be a hunter or a faulkner, to be an overseer of your workmen, to be your steward, or to look to your sheep and cattel, to be your gardiner, keep your orchard, or write your business, who is meeter for any of these businesses than Sir John

Lack-latin? What a wickedness is this, that they should take so much pains to be so cunning in these things, that God looks not for of them; and in those things that God hath charged them withal, they can see nothing at all? They be dumb dogs, not able to bark in rebuking of sin; and blind guides, not able to rule their flock: but if the world be on their side, they can then play the wood-dogs, biting and snatching at every man near them, and let no honest man dwell in rest by them, but accuse, burn, and consume all that speak against their mischieves. If there be a trental to be said, or any mony to be gotten for masses, diriges, relicks, pardons, &c. who then is so ready as they? They can smell it out a great many miles off. But if a man want comfort in conscience, would understand his duty towards God, or God's goodness towards us, they be blind beasts, ignorant dolts, unlearned asses, and can say nothing, but make holy water, and bid them say a lady psalter." So he.

1553.

p. 115.

The popish priests, indeed, made a shew of self-denial and mortification by their abstinence from marriage; but beside their known uncleanness, their gluttony, and idleness, and luxury, were as well known; which thus Ponet sets forth: "I mervail much that Martin is not ashamed to commend his fond opinion (of the single life of priests) with the feigned austerity and sharpness of the fat-bellied priests, whom he would seem to defend. All the world seeth, that their whole life is spent in nothing else than in eating and drinking, in idle walking and pastimes, and in providing for furring of their backs and fattening of their bellies, and in gorgeously decked chambers and soft sleeping. For maintenance whereof I report me to all the world, what pains they take in purchasing pluralities, totquets, non-residences; that they may heap prebend upon prebend, benefice upon benefice; lest at any time their backs or their bellies should lack of their lusts; fearing, lest their spare godly diet should cause their neighbours to call them niggards."

Their gluttony, idleness, and luxury.

Book of Priests' Marriages.

1558.  
Bale's Vo-  
cation.

In this year did John Bale aforesaid, late Bishop of Ossory, and now an exile, set forth his book, intituled, "The Vocation of John Bale to the Bishoprick of Ossory, in Ireland, and his Persecutions in the same, and his final deliverance."

Diacosio-  
Martyrion.

Now also did Dr. White, Bishop Gardiner's chaplain, and a pretender to poetry, set forth a book in favour of popery, intituled, "*Diacosio-Martyrion*, i. e. The Testimony of Two Hundred, for the Truth of Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist; wrote three Years ago against P. Martyr; now first published by John White, of Winchester College: London, Dec. 1553, 4to." It was writ in Latin verse, and dedicated to the Princess Mary. So that it seems to have been printed before, with a new title-page now, to recommend it the better to sale.

Henry L.  
Stafford  
writes.

And Henry Lord Stafford, to shew his compliance with these times, translated two Epistles of Erasmus, wherein was undertaken to be shewn the brain-sick headiness of the Lutherans; and printed it by Will. Riddel, in 16<sup>o</sup>.

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## CHAP. XIII.

Some new bishops consecrated. A new parliament. Cranmer, Ridley, Latimer, at Oxford: their disputation there. Divers remarkable matters happening in the months of April and May. Divers trials, executions, processions. Punishments. The queen's progress.

1554.  
April.  
New bi-  
shops made

**T**HOUGH there was now a great vacancy of episcopal sees in the church, yet none were consecrated bishops before April 1; when Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester, and lord chancellor, did consecrate and bless in the church of St. Saviour's, in Southwark, alias St. Mary Overy's (which belonged to him) before the high altar, six new bishops, found out for their purpose: viz. White, Warden of Winchester, to be Bishop of Lincoln; Gilbert Bourne, to be Bishop



of Bath and Wells; Dr. Morgan, to be Bishop of St. David's; Dr. Brokes, Bishop of Gloucester; Dr. Cotes, Bishop of West Chester; Maurice Griffyn (commonly called Mr. Mores) parson of St. Magnus, Bishop of Rochester; and Parfew, alias Warton, the Bishop of St. Asse, that is, Asaph, was translated to Hereford. All was performed, at this recovery of the papal religion, with extraordinary state and ceremony; for the church was hanged with cloth of arras (*tapetis, stragulis, et aliis preciosis vestibis ornata*) and other costly carpets; and a goodly mass was said; and when all was done, *Te Deum laudamus* excellently sung; and, at the conclusion, all departed to the lord chancellor's to dinner, where was as splend did an entertainment as possibly could be.

1554.

Rigistr.  
Eccl. Can-  
tuar.

On the next day, viz. April 2, began the apostles' mass again at the cathedral of St. Paul's.

Apostle-  
mass re-  
vived.

The same day began Queen Mary's second parliament. She rode thither in her parliament robes, and the bishops and temporal lords in theirs; and, after a goodly mass of the Holy Ghost sung, they repaired together to the house. This parliament continued to the 5th of May, and then dissolved. Among the publick acts of this parliament, one was for the repealing of an act made for the uniting of the parish churches of Chipping Ongar and Greensted, in Essex, the inhabitants of each to repair to Greensted, as their parish church. This was done, I am apt to think, in displeasure to William Morice, Esq. an old and great professor of religion, and who had suffered for it; and whose younger son Ralph was secretary to Archbishop Cranmer. He, for some reasons, had got this union of the two parishes established by act of parliament, in the 2d of King Edward, being then a burgess of parliament. He lived at Chipping Ongar aforesaid, and was patron of that church; and died in the beginning of this reign. In that act of repeal, this gentleman is severely charged for this act of his, and is very illy represented to posterity, and perhaps, according to the custom of these

The act for  
uniting  
Ongar and  
Greensted  
repealed.

1554. times of Queen Mary, worse than he deserved ; and being dead could not vindicate himself, nor was it safe for his children to do it. He is charged to have done it inordinately, for private lucre and profit; and that it was without the knowledge and consent of the parishioners of Ongar ; and that in the said act of
- p. 117. consolidation of those two churches, were contained false suggestions and untrue surmises concerning the distance and value of the said churches and benefices. And that the parsonage of Ongar was worth 10*l.* per ann. so long as the said Morice did truly pay his tythes ; and that by colour of this act he did enter into the said church and churchyard of Ongar, the mansion house and glebe land of the parsonage, and divers other pieces of land to the said church appertaining, through which the people of Ongar, and others, had their highways and paths from time to time ; and that he took away all the ornaments, bells, vestments, chalice, and lead of the church, and converted it to his own use, and covered the said church with tiles. It set forth, that the church of Greensted was not able to contain half the parishioners, nor the curate of Greensted able, in winter, to pass the brooks running and overflowing between the towns of the said parishes, whose churches were distant three quarters of a mile and more ; so that divers had died without confession and counsel of their curate, and without administration of the holy sacraments. In this act of the queen, it was decreed, that the advowson and presentation of the parsonage of Ongar should belong unto James Morice, William's son and heir, and his heirs and assigns.

Cranmer,  
Ridley,  
and Latimer, dispute at Oxon.

The Reformation misrep-  
resented by Weston.

Archbishop Cranmer, Bishop Ridley, and Father Latimer, were sent down in the beginning of April from their prison at London, to dispute their doctrines at Oxford ; but this was nothing but a vain-glorious design of the papists, to vaunt their own religion, and to run down the late reformation with words and noise. Here Dr. Weston, who was the moderator, in his disputation with Latimer, belied

openly a great many particulars of King Edward's proceedings. Thus, upon the removing of altars, and setting tables in their stead; which tables were ordered to be placed not altar-wise, but table-wise, and the person that officiated to turn his face, not to the east, but to the people; thus abusively did this man set it out: "A sort of apes, they could not tell which way to turn their tails; looking one day west, another day east; one that way, another this way." Because the cup was appointed to the laity, and the minister was to say, Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for thee, and be thankful; the same merry gentleman represented the office thus; "They get them a tankard (as though they refused the use of the chalice) and one saith, I drink, and I am thankful. The more joy of thee, saith another." And because the reformers, in the second edition of the Communion Book, put in a proviso, that no adoration was intended to the sacrament, Weston would have this to be done solely by the persuasion of a Scot (whom yet he named not) and none other. "A runnegade Scot did take away the adoration or worshipping of Christ in the sacrament; by whose procurement that heresy was put into the last Communion Book; so much prevailed that one man's authority at that time." But there was no Scot that ever I could read, or hear of, that assisted at the review of that Communion Book. And, indeed, Cranmer, Ridley and Cox, were the chief that managed that affair, though they consulted with Bucer and Peter Martyr. And as for Knox, the Scotchman, he was hardly come into England (at least, any further than Newcastle) at this time, much less had any thing to do with that work. Again, speaking of the Reformation in England, he laid it as a reproach upon the directors of it, that they followed no other churches but their own fancy: "You neither agreed with the Tygurines nor Germans, or with the church, or with your selves." Indeed, they took their direction and pattern from the word of God and the

1554.



1554.

primitive church. And, finally, because they took away altars, and pulled down other superstitions out of the churches, and placed not such holiness in the walls and stones as the papists did, he laid to their charge that they were against all churches: "They will be like, they say, to the apostles. They will have no churches: a hovel is as good for them." And thus the holy and wise Reformation was to be ridiculed and be belied by this court divine, openly, before the university, the better to bring the scholars back to the old superstitions.

Latimer  
proveth  
that wo-  
men must  
communi-  
cate.

Ponet in  
his book  
against Dr.  
Martin.

In this jolly doctor's disputation with Latimer, I shall insert one observation, which is not mine, but a learned man's, who wrote and lived in those times. In disputing about women's receiving the sacrament, "Weston was not ashamed to maintain, as a truth, that women ought not to receive the communion; making it, as it were, doubtful, and not plain by God's word. And that for declaration and proof of the same heretical opinion, among other questions, he demaunded of the holy martyr, where he found in scripture that women ought to receive the sacrament? Unto whom Latymer answered, Yes, and it please your mastership, I shall find it in the scriptures, that women ought to receive the sacrament.—Nay, quoth Weston, that can you never in the scriptures.—Yes, quoth Latymer, here I have it, I trow, in St. Paul, 'Probat seipsum homo, et sic de pane illo edat,' &c. I pray you, Mr. Doctor, *Cujus generis homo?* Doth not this word *homo* signify in both kinds, as well man as woman? Here was Mr. Doctor blank. But, lest he should have this shameful foil at this holy man's hand, Weston being their chief commissioner, the bench of the doctors consulted for an answer, whereby to deliver Weston out of the briers; and in conclusion they made this resolution to the auditory, that the Greek word was ἄνθρωπος, which Greek word signifieth *man* only, in the masculine gender. A meet answer, forsooth, for such as seek to maintain their heresy they care not how. For indeed the Greek word is

not ἄνθρωπος, as they falsly alledged, but ἄνθρωποι, which 1554.  
 answereth to *homo*, and signifieth both man and woman, according to Mr. Latymer's learned saying. And so Weston, glad to avoid his own shame some ways, consented to their lye, and made a catholic conclusion of it, that it was not so in the Greek; which was an impudent lye. Weston, indeed, was ignorant in Greek: a fit divine in the mean time." For, the said author observed, that at Paul's Cross, in the hearing of the whole audience, he had said, the Greek word ἄνθρωπομορφίταις signified *hominum devoratores, devourers of men*; when, indeed, it is the name of those hereticks who held that opinion, that God the Father hath the form and shape of a man, and such members and parts of a body, as be ascribed to him in scripture. Whereupon the said author made this inference: "What boldness have they among the ignorant (as Dr. Weston had in this Paul's Cross sermon in venting falshood) when in the midst of an university, among a great number of learned men, they be not ashamed to belye the very text of scripture for the maintenance of their heresy, and to condemn him for heresy who most learnedly defended himself with the truth of God's word, by this and sundry places, to their perpetual shame, to be registered in chronicles for ever, and to God's eternal glory."

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And as by disputations with these venerable men, true religion was triumphed over at Oxford, the like vain triumph was determined to be shewn at the other university of Cambridge: and that in May, in parliament time, for the greater ostentation. And a commission was in a readiness for the sending down thither Bishop Hooper, Bishop Farrar, Dr. Taylour, Mr. Philpot, Mr. Saunders, all very learned men, and all prisoners; and Dr. Weston, and his company, were to enter the lists with them also. But Hooper, who had intelligence of it, being in the Fleet, speedily conveyed the notice thereof to the other divines, then in the King's Bench and Marshalsea; and

Another  
 disputation  
 intended  
 at Cam-  
 bridge.

1554. very prudently, to prevent their dealing with them as they had done at Oxford, he gave this advice to them in a private letter: "How they knew that those that were to be their censors and judges, thirsted after their blood; and that in the end of these disputations, the adversaries would cry out *victory*, as they did against those great learned men and godly personages at Oxford. Wherefore, he said, for his part he would never answer them, except he had books present; because they used not only false allegations of the doctors, but also took a piece of them against the whole course of their minds. Next, he would require sworn notaries, to take things spoken indifferently; though it would be very hard to get such. For that the adverse party would have the oversight of all things; and then make their own sayings and arguments better than they were, and those of their opposites worse. And then, thirdly, if two or three, or more, should speak together, or with mocks and taunts illude and mock them, then he advised, it were best to *appeal*, to be heard before the queen and the whole council, which would much set forth the glory of God. For many of them, he said, knew already the truth; and many more of them erred rather of zeal than malice; and a third sort, that were indurate, would be answered fully to their shame; though to the smart and blood-shedding of the other part. For he was, he said, assured of this, that the commissioners appointed to hear and judge them, meant nothing less than to hear the cause indifferently; for that they were enemies to them and their cause, and were at a point already to give sentence against them. So that, if it were possible, they should speak with St. Stephen, that the adversaries should not be able to resist; or else with Christ, to use silence and patience."

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tyrol.

Hooper added, "That he knew they would deny this appeal; but yet advised they should challenge it, and take witness thereof of such as were present, and demand indifferent hearing and judgment either be-



fore the queen and her council, or before all the parliament, as they were used in King Edward's days. And of this he desired within a day or two to know their resolution, since he knew, that when they should be carried down, they should be kept asunder, and not suffered to come at one another to confer together." 1554.

For the more honourable reception of the Prince of Spain (of which now was all the talk) certain persons were made noble : Sir John of Bridges was created, on the 8th of April, Lord Shandois ; and the same day, Sir John Williams, Baron of Thame, and appointed lord chamberlain to the prince ; and Sir Anthony Browne, master of his horse. And the same day, the Lord William Howard, lord admiral, and his captains, were habited in white and green velvet and satin, taffeta and sarcenet ; the trumpeters also in green and white ; and all the mariners so arrayed. Some noblemen created.

On the same day, somebody unknown hanged a cat on the gallows beside the Cross in Cheap (for the gallowses in the city, whereon the rebels in the month of February last were hanged, still remained for a terror.) The said cat was habited in a garment like to that the priest wore that said mass ; she had a shaven crown, and in her fore feet held a piece of paper made round, representing the wafer. This gave great offence ; but, notwithstanding all the search that could be made, the doers could not be found. Whereupon, April 13, it was proclaimed, that whosoever he were that would discover him or her that had done this unseemly deed, he should be rewarded with twenty marks. p. 120.

Sir Thomas Wyat's fatal day was now come, being the 11th of April, when, between nine and ten of the clock afore noon, on Tower Hill, he was beheaded ; and by eleven of the clock he was quartered on the scaffold, and his bowels and members burnt beside the scaffold ; and a car and basket being at hand, the four quarters and the head were put into the basket, and conveyed to Newgate, to be parboiled ; Wyat executed.

1554. and the day after his head was set upon the gallows on Hay Hill, beside Hyde-Park, where three men hung in chains; being the place where the queen's men and Wyat's had a skirmish, and he and his officers overcome. One of his quarters was set up upon a gibbet at Mile-End, and another beside Newington, beyond St. George's, in Southwark; another beside Thomas of Waterings, and the fourth at —

Sir Nic.  
Throgmor-  
ton tried  
and quitted

On the 17th day of the foresaid month, four more, charged to be in the late insurrection, were brought to Guildhall, London; namely, Sir Nic. Throgmorton, Sir James à Croft, Mr. Winter (who was admiral to the fleet that was to fetch over the prince) and Mr. Vaughan: where Vaughan gave evidence against Sir Nicolas, and Winter's confession was made use of to the same purpose; but, after a long trial, he so well pleaded his own cause, that the jury acquitted him; but they were severely fined. The trial is extant in Hollingshed's History.

Two pil-  
lorized.

On the 21st were two men set on the pillory in Cheap, for speaking seditious words and false lies against the queen and her council; and one of them had his ears nailed to the pillory.

The Prince  
of Spain  
received  
into the  
order.  
Lord Tho.  
Grey exe-  
cuted.

On the 23d, being St. George's Day, the queen now being at St. James's in the Fields, repaired to the chapel, and went, according to the old custom, a procession with all the knights of the garter that were then present. And the same day were created the Prince of Spain, and the Earl of Sussex, knights of that order.

On the 28th, the Lord Tho. Grey, the Duke of Suffolk's brother, a valiant and brave gentleman, lost his life, being beheaded on Tower Hill, between nine and ten of the clock, and buried at Alhallows Barking, in Tower-street. The day after, Sir James à Croft, and Mr. Winter, were brought to Guildhall, and the former was arraigned and cast.

Postil-  
mass.

April 30, began the postil-mass at St. Paul's, at five a clock in the morning every day.

May.

Rogation week being come, May 3, being Holy

Thursday, at the court of St. James's, the queen went in procession within St. James's, with heralds and serjeants of arms, and four bishops mitred; and Bishop Bourn, beside his mitre, wore a pair of slippers of silver and gilt, and a pair of rich gloves, with ouches of silver upon them, very rich; and all the three days there went her chapel about the fields: the first day to St. Giles's, and there sung mass: the next day, being Tuesday, to St. Martin's in the Fields; and there a sermon was preached, and mass sung; and the company drank there: the third day to Westminster; where a sermon was made, and then mass and good cheer made; and after, about the Park, and so to St. James's court. The same Rogation Week went out of the Tower, on procession, priests and clerks, and the lieutenant with all his waiters; and the ax of the Tower borne in procession: the waits attended. There joined in this procession the inhabitants of St. Katharine's, Radcliff, Limehouse, Poplar, Stratford, Bow, Shoreditch, and all those that belonged to the Tower, with their halberts. They went about the fields of St. Katharine's, and the liberties.

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Rogation  
Week at  
St James's.  
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Good store of Spanish gold had already come into England; for the English were to be reconciled to the Spanish match, by a liberal distribution of it. It seems the Portugal pieces admitted of contest as to the prices of them; which cost the queen a proclamation, dated May 4, to ascertain the value they should go at; which was, that from the date of the publication thereof, every single crusado of Portugal with the long cross, being of the just standard, fineness and weight, should be deemed and accepted to be of the value of 6s. 4d. of current money of this realm. Every pistolet, being of the just standard, fineness and weight, should be deemed and accepted to be of the value of 6s. 2d. Every single crusado of Portugal with the short cross, being of the just standard, to be of the value of 6s. 8d. And every of the said coins should be commonly paid and received

Values set  
upon  
Spanish  
gold.



1554. through her highness's realms, and other her dominions, in all payments and receipts, according to the said rates. And all, dwelling, conversing and trafficking within the queen's dominions, were strictly commanded to observe the tenor of this proclamation, upon pain of imprisonment, and other punishment at her highness's pleasure. This was dated from John Cawode's house, the queen's printer, May 4, 1554.

The fellowship of clerks, their procession.

This month of May was much occupied in masses and processions after the old fashion; for as there was a great procession at the court, and in the liberties of Westminster, May 3, wherein the queen assisted, as was said before, so, May 6, was a goodly evensong at Guildhall College, by the masters of the clerks, and their fellowship, with singing and playing; and the morrow after was a great mass at the same place, and by the same fraternity; when every clerk offered an halfpenny. The mass was sung by divers of the queen's chapel, and children. And after mass done, every clerk went their procession two and two together, each having on the surplice and a rich cope, and a garland: after them fourscore standards, streamers and banners; and each one that bare them had an albe or a surplice. Then came in order after them the waits playing; and then between thirty clerks a choir singing *Salve festa dies*. (There were four of these choirs.) Then came a canopy borne over the sacrament by four of the masters of the clerks, with twelve staff-torches burning. This procession, in this order, went up Lawrence-lane, and so to the further end of Cheap, and back again to Cornhill to Leadenhall, and thence down to Bishopsgate-street unto St. Ethelborough's; and there they put off their copes; and so every man to dinner. There every one that bare a streamer had money given him, according as they were in bigness.

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A royal Dirge.

On the 10th day of this month of May was a Dirge at Westminster and at Paul's, by torch-light; and the morrow after, there, and at Westminster, was mass. There they of the queen's council and divers

lords did offer money for the souls of King Henry VII. and Queen Elizabeth, and for King Henry VIII. and Queen Katharine, and for King Edward VI. 1554.

Whitsuntide being now come, there was great and jolly processioning all the three days, according to the old custom. On Whitsun-Monday, May 14, was the procession of St. Peter's, in Cornhill, commonly called *The Fishmongers' Procession*. The motions were in this sort: first went a goodly choir of clerks singing, and a fourscore of priests wearing copes of cloth of gold; then followed the lord mayor and aldermen in scarlet; then the Company of Fishmongers in their liveries, they and the officers bearing white rods in their hands; and so to Paul's; and there they did their oblations after the old fashion. Divers other parishes went their procession this day. On Whitsun-Tuesday was the Hackney procession to Paul's; and after this came the procession of St. Clement's, and the mayor and aldermen accompanying. There were in these processions goodly choirs singing. On the Wednesday, May 16, came to Paul's the Islington procession.

The Fish-  
mongers'  
Procession  
in Whit-  
sun-week.

On Corpus Christi day, *i. e.* May 24, were many gay processions in many parishes in London: for many had long torches garnished after the old fashion, and staff-torches burning; and many canopies borne about the streets. Among the rest, those of the parish of St. Sepulchre's went about their own parish; and in Smithfield, as they were going there, came a man unto the priest that bare the sacrament, and began to pluck it out of his hand, and incontinent he drew his dagger: but hands were soon laid upon him, and he carried to Newgate; and then he feigned himself mad. His name was Street, a joiner by trade, living in Coleman-street. This story is thus noted by the writer of the Journal, whence I take this, and divers other things, otherwise a diligent man; and so it is also set down in a chronicle wrote not long after those times, called *A brief Chronicle of London*. But all this proved afterwards but the slander of a priest,

Corpus  
Christi  
procession

Disturbed.

Vitellius,  
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and falsely represented to cast a blot upon the professors of religion. The truth of the matter was discovered by Fox, who diligently inquired into it, and had his information from the party himself; which was thus: the person being a simple undesigning man, passing by chance that way in some haste, and having no other way to go, went under the canopy near the priest. The priest seeing the man so to presume, apprehended some danger near, and being more afraid than hurt, let the pix fall. The poor man was presently apprehended and carried to the Compter; and the priest accused him before the council, as though he had come to kill him; whereas the fellow protested no such thought ever entered into his mind. But from the Compter he was had to Newgate, and there cast into the dungeon, and chained to a post, and miserably handled; and so extremely dealt withal, that being but simple before, he was now haired out of his wits indeed; and so he was removed to Bedlam.

Lord Gerald made Earl of Kildare.

The Spanish ambassador comes.

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But now from processions to look upon other things happening about this time. On Whitsunday the Lord Garret, or Gerald, was created Earl of Kildare. Upon Tuesday in Whitsun-week, Thirleby, Bishop of Norwich, came to court. Upon Wednesday came over from Spain the ancient Spanish ambassador with a grey beard; being the same that had been here when King Edward died. And as the bruit went, he was to be marshal, and to execute martial laws upon all strangers, subjects of Spain, either Spaniards or of the Low Countries; the better to keep good order among them, who in these days were very apt to domineer over the English, that the English nation might be the less grieved by that insulting people; or, perhaps, and in more likelihood, by these pretences of justice to exempt the Spaniards from the laws and judicatories of England. This old gentleman hardly escaped the French on the narrow seas, two of the ships wherein his horses and stuff were falling into their hands; and he himself, being



in a small pinnace, escaped. On Thursday, that is, the day after his coming over, he, with the rest of the emperor's ambassadors, came to the court, and spake with the queen; no question, about the affair of the marriage between Prince Philip and her. 1554.

On Thursday this Whitsun-week, Will. Thomas, Esq. clerk of the council to King Edward VI. was arraigned at Guildhall, and cast to suffer death, and to be drawn and quartered; and the very next day was drawn upon a sled, being a proper man, from the Tower unto Tyburn: where, upon a pretence of treason, he was hanged; and after, his head was stricken off, and then quartered: and the morrow after his head was set on London-bridge, and three quarters of him set over Cripplegate, living perhaps thereabouts. This Thomas was a man of great parts, and therefore, perhaps, it was not thought fit he should live; and who, for his *English Pilgrim*, a book of his writing, wherein so much was spoken in favour of King Henry's divorce, was not to be forgotten. More will be said of him hereafter. William Thomas executed.

And on Saturday following (or, as some, Sunday, May 20) at one of the clock in the afternoon, the Lady Elizabeth was delivered out of the Tower by the lord treasurer and lord chamberlain; and took her barge at Tower-wharf, and so went to Richmond by water, forthwith, without landing any where till she came there; where she was to abide for some time, but under several of the guard, and other small officers, for each office in the queen's house. But her continuance here was but short, being conveyed hence to Windsor, and so to Woodstock. At her coming out of the Tower were a number of people in boats to see her, greatly rejoicing at the sight of her, but heavy for her trouble, seeing her go under safe-keeping. Lady Elizabeth delivered out of the Tower, but under safe custody.

The rebellion was by this time pretty well allayed, but the discontents of the people remained still; which continued the queen's fears: for, in Norfolk especially were many that carried about vain prophe- Prophecies and bruits in Norfolk concerning the queen.

1554. cies, and spread rumours, reflecting upon the queen's person and state, to blow up the people as was believed, into a displeasure with the queen and her government; many of which had come to her ears; which occasioned her to send forth letters to the justices of peace in that county, dated May 23, as she had done once before to them, for the good order and stay of the county from rebellious tumults and uproars, and for the having special regard to vagabonds, and such as spread false and untrue tales; and to see them punished. These last letters were partly reprehensory, for that the justices had taken no more care in the execution of the contents of her former letters, and for passing over such faults without punishment, winking at, or at least little considering them (which was to her, as she wrote, very strange); and partly, to find out the authors of these bruits and prophecies; and then to take punishment according to the quality of the offence: and for the more effectual doing this, to divide themselves into several parts of the county; whereby the better to discover the ill-affected: and lastly, to meet often to confer together herein, and to send letters hereof every month to her council.
- p. 124. No. XIV. This letter of the queen's will deserve, for history's sake, to be preserved; which I have accordingly done.

Some pillorized.

On the 23d of May, a certain woman was set on the pillory in Cheapside, for speaking lies and seditious words against the queen's majesty; and on the 25th, two more were set on the pillory in the same place; the one for horrible lies and seditious words against the queen and her council, and one of his ears nailed. The other's crime was for seditious and slanderous words against the queen, her council, and the magistrates. What these seditious words were I cannot assign; but most probably they concerned the late terrible executions, or the Spanish match, or the overthrow of the late king's proceedings; all of them things very ingrateful to the common people. On the 26th day, the same man was

again set on the pillory, one of whose ears was nailed ; and now was the other nailed. A woman was also now set on the pillory, for speaking certain words touching the queen's proceedings. The pillory was employed again the 30th day of this month, a man and a woman being set on it. The man's crime was for seditious and slanderous words ; the woman's for speaking of false lies and rumours ; and her fault, it seems, being the greater, her ear was nailed to the pillory : and the 1st of June the same woman was set on the pillory again, and her other ear nailed for the same offence. 1554.

As the jealousies of the state had conveyed the Lady Elizabeth out of the Tower westward, May 19, so, May 25, the Earl of Devon was conveyed thence northward, that is, to the castle of Fotheringay, in Northamptonshire, by three or four of the clock in the morning, accompanied with certain of the guard, and divers knights ; whereof Sir Thomas Tresham was one. Earl of Devon conveyed out of the Tower to Fotheringay Castle.

On the 27th of May, the Lord John Grey, another of the late Duke of Suffolk's brothers, went from the Tower unto Westminster-hall by land ; but he was not arraigned there till the 11th of June, when he put himself upon the queen's mercy. Lord John Grey brought to Westminster-hall.

On the 29th, the queen removed from St. James's, passing through the park, and took her barge at Whitehall, and so to Richmond, in order to her progress ; which was chiefly commenced to meet her beloved, the Prince of Spain : which affair now falling in my way, I shall, according as notices have come to my hand, proceed to relate. The queen's progress.

Before her departure the lord treasurer went to wait upon her, and, like a good husband for the crown, shewed her, belike, how low her treasure was, and therefore prayed her to be sparing of giving away her lands, especially in his absence (as knowing there would be many such suitors pressing upon her in this her journey) at least, not before he had advice of it. This counsel the queen took well at his hands, and The lord treasurer's request to the queen.



1554. promised him, she would not determine any gift without first acquainting him with it. Being gone no farther than Farnham, Sir Edm. Peckam (who was one of those that had proclaimed and stood up for her in Bucks) requested of her certain lands; which she declined fully to grant, till she had consulted with her treasurer, according to her promise. To him therefore she sent a letter, dated July 5, and included Peckham's bill, relating the particulars, desiring him to peruse it well, and that if he thought it were such land as she might give with her honour, she should think it very well bestowed: for that he was one that had well deserved it, as she wrote the treasurer, and as yet had not any kind of recompence.

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The  
queen's  
value of  
him.

The queen much esteemed this her treasurer, who managed her exchequer with great care and vigilancy; of which she was very sensible: and to shew herself grateful, to oblige him the more, in the conclusion of the foresaid letter, she wrote this postscript with her own hand: "My Lord, I most heartily thank you for your daily painfulness taken in my service." And the letter was subscribed, "Your mistress assured, Marye, the Quene," with her own pen. But now let us turn to our queen's matrimony.

## CHAP. XIV.

The queen's match with Spain. Much disgusted. The king and queen pass triumphantly through London. The articles of the marriage. The queen's present to the emperor's ambassador.

The Earl  
of Sussex  
goes into  
Spain.

THIS match with Spain, however most apparently disgusted by the queen's subjects, went resolutely forward; and the Earl of Sussex was sent over by the queen in a very honourable embassy, to conclude the marriage between her and Prince Philip, and to conduct him into England. Then did the said Philip give him a sword with five great stones set in it,

viz. a great table diamond, a great table ruby, a great pointed diamond, and another great table diamond, and one great ballos. The said earl in his last will bequeathed, that his brother, Sir Henry Ratcliff, Kt. should have, during his life, the custody and use of these five stones. And so immediately after Sir Henry's death, to the next heir male of the said earl that should be Earl of Sussex. And he gave charge to his brother, the next earl, to see to the performance of this; that so it might be a remembrance of the service in that case done in his house of New Hall in Essex, as the will ran.

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Ex ejusd.  
Com. Testamento.

Of this match the queen, who had lost so much time, was very fond, and earnestly desirous of the consummation of it; though afterwards she had but little comfort therein. And when, in the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, Sir Tho. Smith drew up a private discourse, whether it were more advisable she should marry a stranger or an Englishman, I am greatly inclined to believe, he meant Queen Mary's marriage with Philip, in this period following: "I heard, not many years ago, of a certain lady, who having the picture sent unto her of one whom she never saw, who should be her husband, was so enamoured thereon, and so ravished, that she languished for love, and was in manner out of her wits for his long tarrying and absence; but I ween, hot love was soon cold, and not long after repented."

The  
queen's de-  
sire of this  
match.

And the queen, by this act, did infinitely lose herself among her people, and every man's mouth almost was opened against the match: for the nation had a great detestation against the Spaniard, knowing their lofty, proud, domineering tempers, and vicious inclinations. One had the confidence to write thus against the queen, partly for her severity and overthrow of the former reformation, and partly for her matching with Philip; addressing thus to the nobility and counsellors: "God's word she abhorreth, anti-christ she hath restored, her father's laws contemned, her promise broken, and her brother, good King

Great of-  
fence taken  
at the  
queen for  
this match.Chr. Good-  
man.

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1554. Edward, as an heretic, condemned; not thinking it enough to express her tyranny upon them that lived, except she shewed cruelty, or rather a raging madness on the bodies of God's servants long before buried, drawing them forth of their graves, to burn them as heretics: and in fine, utterly abhorring the English nation, hath joyned herself to adulterous Philip, the Spanish king; to whom she hath, and doth continually labour to betray the whole kingdom; and yet ye cannot, or will not see it. Neither yet, for all this, to be stirred up to bridle her affections, and withstand her ungodly doings; to promote the glory of God, and to preserve your brethren and yourselves. But, thinking to retain your promotions by flattery, do hastily draw God's vengeance upon yourselves and others. And do you think that Philip will be crowned King of England, and retain in honour English counsellors, and credit them with the government of his state, who have betrayed their own? Shall his Spaniards be nobles without your lands and possessions? And shall they possess your promotions and livings, and your heads upon your shoulders? Come they to make a spoil of the whole realm, and leave you and yours untouched? Where is your great wisdom become; your subtil counsels and policy; whereon you brag so much? To whom be these things hid, that every child espieth?" Make abatement for some of these undutiful expressions, and you see the displeasure of the English nation against this match, and the continuance or increase of it. For this was writ two or three years after the marriage was celebrated.

Winchester  
charged  
for this  
Spanish  
match.  
Faithful  
Admonition.

These be the words of one: and another about the same time, I mean broad-spoken Knox, thus accosted the Bishop of Winchester, who was the great match-maker; "I speak to thee, Winchester, more cruel than any tyger, shall neither shame, neither fear, bridle thy tyrannous cruelty? Shamest thou not, bloody beast, to betray thy native country, and the liberties of the same? Fearest thou not to



open such a door to all iniquity, that whole England shall be made a common stew to Spaniards?" And a little after — "And what is the cause that Winchester, and the rest of his pestilent sect, so greedily would have a Spaniard to reign over England? The cause is manifest: for as that nation surmounteth all others in pride and whoredom, so for idolatry and vain papistical and devilish ceremonies, they may rightly be called the very sons of superstition." And the same writer turning his speech to the papists, thus accosteth them about Queen Mary's match: "Would any of you have confessed two years ago, that Mary, your miroir, had been false, dissembling, unconstant, proud, and a breaker of promises, except such promises as she made to your god, the pope, to the great shame and dishonour of her noble father? I am sure you would full little have thought it in her. And now doth she not openly shew herself to be an open traitoress to the emperial crown of England, contrary to the just laws of the realm, to bring in a stranger, and make a proud Spaniard king, to the shame, dishonour and destruction of the nobility; to the spoil, from them and theirs, of their honours, lands, possessions, chief offices and promotions; to the utter decay of the treasures, commodities, navy and fortifications of the realm; to the abasing of the yeomanry; to the slavery of the commonalty; to the overthrow of Christianity and God's true religion; and, finally, to the utter subversion of the whole public state and commonwealth of England? — Speak now, ye papists, and defend your monstrous mistress, and deny if you can for shame, that she hath not uttered herself to be born (alas! therefore) to the ruin and destruction of noble England?"

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The mis-  
chiefs of it.

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Nor did the common people spare to vent their indignation against this marrying with Spain. They spread abroad many reports and abundance of news concerning the king and the Spaniards, to blemish and deface them, and perhaps a great deal more than was true. Many were the rhimes and ballads,

Seditious  
words  
against the  
match.

1554. letters and books, both written and published against that match and nation ; insomuch, that the very next parliament after the marriage, that sat in Nov. 1554, it was enacted, “ That such as imagined or spake any seditious or slanderous news, rumours, sayings, or tales of the king or the queen, should be set upon the pillory, if it fortunèd to be said without any city or town corporate : but if within any city or town corporate, then to have both his ears cut off, unless he paid 100*l.* to the king within a month.

“ If any spake any seditious news, rumours or tales, to the slander of the king or queen, of the speaking or reporting of others, he was to be set upon the pillory, if it fortunèd to be without any city or town corporate ; if it happened to be within, then to have one of his ears cut off, unless he pay 100 marks to the king and queen within a month after the judgment given. But if any should set forth a book or ballad, rhyme, letter, &c. to the slander and reproach of the king or queen, or to the enraging and stirring of any insurrection, or should procure any such book or ballad, &c. to be set forth, his right hand was to be stricken off: and if they offended again, to be imprisoned during their lives.” As these severe laws shewed the severity of the government, so likewise how discontented the people were at this Spanish match, by the multitude of abusive writings against it, that they were fain to have them restrained by such kind of laws.

Prepara-  
tions in the  
city for the  
prince's re-  
ception.

The city was to contribute a great part towards this solemnity, the new-married prince being to pass through it. Therefore, in the month of June, earnest preparations were making for his reception. As first of all, June the 4th, all the gibbets were taken down in all places in London and the suburbs, having stood there ever since February, to the terrifying and disgracing of the city ; and might have stood longer still, had it not been very convenient to have them out of sight upon the triumphal entrance of Philip. On the same day the mayor and aldermen ordered a scaffold

to be made about the fair Cross in Cheap, for the repairing and gilding of it against the prince's coming. At the same time a fifteenth and an half was granted by the mayor, aldermen and common council, to be laid upon the commons, forthwith to be raised towards the charges in preparing the city for the said prince. Ordered also by the same, that two aldermen should watch every night, and one or two constables till three or four in the morning ; for fear, as it seems, of some disturbances among the citizens, in detestation of this Spanish affair. On the 9th day the said Cross in Cheap was covered with canvas from the foot to the top, in order to the repairing of it, as was aforesaid, and for the preserving it from soil after it was done, that its first splendid appearance might be preserved for the joyful day.

July 19, Philip, Prince of Spain, arrived at Southampton, being Thursday.

July 21, by ten of the clock, was proclaimed through London, that the Prince of Spain was landed at Southampton, and that every peer, lord and lady of quality should resort unto her grace's city of Winchester with all speed to her grace's wedding. The same afternoon a command was issued from the Lord Mayor, that every one should make bonfires in every street where they dwelt. This night, in many places, tables were set, and plenty of good liquor for all comers, till ten a clock at night, together with ringing of bells and pastimes. On the 23d of July it was commanded, that every parish in London should go in procession, and to sing *Te Deum* also in every parish, and that there should be ringing of bells, being the day the prince departed from Southampton to Winchester, where he was to meet the queen.

Harpsfield, the Bishop of London's chaplain, was put up to preach at Paul's Cross, July 29, being the next Sunday after the wedding-day. And he prayed in his beads for the king and the queen, Philip and Mary, by the grace of God, King and Queen of England, France, Naples, Jerusalem and Ireland,

Proclamation for the nobility to meet the queen.  
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The king's & queen's style first pronounced at Paul's Cross.



1554. Defenders of the Faith, Princes of Spain and Sicily, Archdukes of Austrich, Dukes of Milain, Burgundy and Brabant, Counts of Haspurge, Flanders and Tyrole. And Aug. 1, the king and queen were proclaimed in London, with all these their titles; which were greatly augmented when the emperor, his father, resigned and laid aside his empire; for then thus ran his swelling style: PHILIP, by the grace of God, King of Castile, Aragon, the two Sicilies, Jerusalem, Navar, Granado, Toledo, Valentia, Gallicia, Malerca, Sivil, Serdoua, Cordoua, Mursia, Corsiga, Jaen, Algarve, Algasica, Giberaltarre, the islands of the Canaries, the islands of the Indies, and of the ocean seas; Archduke of Austria, Marquis of Oreston, Errel, Barsillonia, Biscay, Molina; Duke of Burgoign, Brabant, Milain; Lord of Flaunders and Tirole. And his revenues were prodigiously great within his own realms, in lands, rents and customs, and other profits, besides the West Indies, and other dominions, as Italy and the like: being accounted nine millions yearly, accounting a million at 100,000 dollars; which, at 5s. the dollar, is sterling 2,475,000*l*. The truth is, I think, he was the greatest prince in Europe; and, yet, neither the queen nor the realm was the better for him, but much the worse, as appeared in the sequel; and would have proved still much worse, had the queen lived.

Philip designs to make himself master of England.

For it was well enough known afterwards, that the great drift of this prince by this match, was to let himself this way into the possession of the kingdom; which the Lord Burghley, in a letter of his to a nobleman of Scotland, declared in these words: "It is well known how he (the King of Spain) had figured himself an empire over all this part of the world; what plots he laid for the compassing thereof. A foundation was laid for the subduing of this land in Queen Mary's time, he being then our king in right of his wife. The conquest was fully concluded afterward under colour of religion; as by the Prince of Orange, then of the privy council, it was since

revealed. But his designs were broke by the seasonable death of Queen Mary his wife." Thus that great statesman. 1554.

But when the match was by parliament consented to (which had cost a rebellion, and many men's lives already) and several articles were adjusted about it (one whereof Bishop Ridley, when in prison, could not but take notice of in a letter to Bradford, viz. that the king was to be protector of the prince to be born), great preparations were making every where, as well as in London, for an honourable entertainment of him. And the queen, perceiving well how illy affected the people generally were to the Spaniards, and fearing quarrels between them and the English, that could not abide their haughty and scornful behaviour, issued out her proclamation, "That all the strangers that accompanied the prince into England should be used with all courtesy and friendly entertainment by her subjects, giving them no cause of strife or contention, either by their deeds, words, or countenance. She commanded also all noblemen and gentlemen to take order with their servants herein, upon pain to be committed to prison without bail or mainprize, and to abide further punishment by fine or otherwise. This proclamation may be found in the Catalogue.

Charge given for civil entertainment of the Spaniards.

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Her majesty also took care to get as great a court and shew of nobility about her as could be, against her meeting of the prince. To the Lord Clinton, lord admiral, she writ to be ready to repair unto her, upon the arrival of the Prince of Spain, having heard that he was embarked at the Groyne, July 17. To the Lord Darcy of Chich, June 21, she also directed letters to wait upon her person upon the said prince's arrival; as she did to many other of the peers, being absent.

The queen writes to the noblemen to be present.

And to adorn this royal wedding the more, and to reconcile the English nation the better to it, books and epithalamiums were written in the praise of the Spanish prince: among the rest, was a book made of

His genealogy from John à Gaunt.

1554. his genealogy, shewing how he was sprung from English royal blood, even from John à Gaunt, a son of the victorious Edward III. : from whom also it was shewn, that she, his royal consort, was derived also ; that so,

Inque suum fontem regia stirps redeat,

as it ran in one of the verses. For John of Gaunt had a son, who was Earl of Somerset; that Earl of Somerset had John Duke of Somerset; that duke had a daughter, who was Margaret Duchess of Richmond, from whence sprung Henry VII. her son, and from him Henry VIII. the father of Queen Mary : all which Whyte, Bishop of Lincoln, had handsomely comprised in a copy of verses, which are preserved in Fox. This Whyte had been Bishop Gardiner's chaplain, who set him on work. But Mr. Bale, somewhere taking notice of this, threw in something that was enough to spoil all this flattery : it was a passage taken out of Thomas Walsingham, a monk of St. Alban's, concerning a friar, named Walter Dyss, who was employed to bring in a false issue of John à Gaunt : " Potestas conceditur (writes he) inaudita Waltero de Dyss, ut ad Ducis Lancastriæ profec-tionem conduceret," &c. Whereupon saith Bale, " If that were well known, how it first came to pass by the crafty conveyance of a friar, they might seem to have small honour of that clerkly-conveyed genealogy" (which the Bishop of Winchester and his friends had now published). The narration of this cheat, Bale adds, is plain in Walsingham's book *De Schismate Ecclesiæ*.

Acts,  
p. 1337.

His decla-  
ration of  
Bonner's  
Articl.  
Fol. 9.

Nine mo-  
tions of  
marriage  
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lady un-  
successful.

But at last the queen got a husband, after she had been proffered in marriage by her father no less than eight times before, and as often put off (besides once in her brother's time, viz. 1549, to the Infant of Portugal); namely, first, to the dauphin, son to Francis, anno 1518, when she was but two years old. After that, to the Emperor Charles, anno 1522. Then to the King of Scotland. A fourth time, to King Francis; and a fifth, to the Duke of Orleans, in the year 1527.



This motion also went off, or was delayed at that time; and the matter moved again about the year 1535, or 1536, as I conjecture. At this time, as I find by a council paper, the king demanded, that the duke should be brought into England, and live here, to be instructed in the English language and manners of the people; the king then intending to advance her to the crown imperial of this realm. The French ambassadors, Mons. De Tarbe and Pomeray, would by no means yield to this, nor that he should stay but a month or two at a time. And they demanded, that the king should make and declare the Lady Mary legitimate, that she might be preferred in the succession before any of his daughters. But this the council, in the king's name, would by no means condescend unto. So that, in fine, this also came to nothing. The sixth proffer of her was to Don Louis of Portugal, in the year 1538, in the terms she then was, excluded by act of parliament from all claim of succession. The seventh time, to Charles, the youngest son of Francis, the French king, in the 33d of King Henry's reign, annoq. Dom. 1541; when, February 27, the king granted a commission to the Duke of Norfolk, William Earl of Southampton, the Bishops of Winchester and Durham, and to the Lord Winchelsey, to treat with the French king about it. Once more (but the date uncertain) she was upon the point of marriage to one of the German princes, viz. the Count Palatine; the treaty whereof is extant in a volume of the Cotton Library.

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But now being thirty-eight years old, and having the sole disposal of herself, she matched herself to Philip the Spaniard, she being half a Spaniard, viz. by her mother. A great personage, indeed, he was, being an emperor's son, and the greatest prince of birth and possessions in all Christendom; but yet a most unhappy match, both because it was the cause of the losing of Calais, and so exceedingly disliked by her subjects, who could not endure the Spaniards, as the Spaniards could not endure them; who yet were

This Spanish match  
unhappy.

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The wedding celebrated at Winchester.

But meeting at Winchester, in the cathedral they were married, on Wednesday, July 25, being St. James's Day, the Spanish saint, by the bishop of that church; of whom we have said so much, and shall say more, making such a figure in these times. The royal wedding-dinner was kept there, the king and queen dining in the hall of the bishop's palace, sitting under the cloth of state, and none else at the table. The nobility sat at the side-tables. The gentlemen pensioners were the chief servitors, to carry the meat; and the Earl of Sussex, their captain, was the sewer. The second course at the marriage of a king is given unto the bearers; so was the meat now, but not the dishes, for they were of gold. The Spaniards were greatly out of countenance for their dancing, especially King Philip dancing with the queen, when they saw the Lord Bray, Mr. Carow, and others, so far exceed them.

They pass triumphantly through London.

The triumph being ended, after they had been first at Windsor, and then at Richmond, they came in their barges to Southwark, that they might enter London triumphantly the next day: so having laid one night at Suffolk-place, called also Southwark-house, on Saturday, the 19th of August, they both rode over the bridge, through London, to Whitehall. In the city they were received with pageants and all manner of splendour; but something in the fine painting upon the conduit in Gracechurch-street was taken such notice of, that it had like to have cost the painter dear. The picture represented the Nine Worthies, whereof King Henry VIII. was one, who, according to former draughts of him, was pictured with a book in his hand, and *Verbum Dei* wrote upon it: which the lord chancellor esteemed as a reflection upon the good catholic religion that was now restored again; which, it seems, was very jealous of the Bible. Hercupon the painter was sent for and chidden, and commandment immediately given, that the book

should be wiped out, and a pair of gloves put in the place. But London had little joy of these guests; for shortly after began a cruel persecution here against the preachers and earnest professors and followers of the gospel, and a searching of men's houses for their books: for now many were written and printed privately, when sermons were forbidden, for the confirmation of men in the reformed doctrine and profession. But that we shall hear more of in the sequel of our story.

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And now that happened, which old Latimer feared or foretold in one of his sermons before King Edward, in the year 1549. He spake of that terrible sense that was upon the nation in general, if either she or her sister should marry a foreigner; whereby a foreigner might come to wield the English sceptre, a thing the nation could not endure. And if it so should happen, that any of them should marry a stranger, he wished that, though they were both to succeed to the crown, they never should. "O! what a plague were it (said he, by occasion of that passage of Moses, *Thou must not set a stranger over thee*) that a strange king, of a strange land, and of a strange religion, should reign over us! Where now we be governed in the true religion, he would extirp and pluck away all together, and then plant again all abomination and popery. God keep such a king from us. Well, the king's grace hath sisters, my Lady Mary and my Lady Elizabeth, which by succession and course are inheritors to the crown; who, if they should marry with strangers, what should ensue God knoweth. But God grant, if they so do, whereby strange religion may come in, that they never come to coursing nor succeeding.

Latimer's  
sense of a  
foreigner's  
becoming  
King of  
England.

First sermon before  
the king.

"Therefore, to avoid this plague, let us amend our lives, and put away all pride, which doth drown men in this realm at these days; all covetousness, wherein the magistrates and rich men of this realm are overwhelmed; all litchery, and all other excessive vices, provoking God's wrath (were he not mer-



1554. ciful) even to take from us our natural king and liege lord; yea, and to plague us with strange kings, for our unrepentant hearts." And a little after: "Make haste, make haste, and let us learn to convert, to repent, and amend our lives. If we do not, I fear, I fear, lest, for our sins and unthankfulness, a hypocrite shall reign over us. Long we have been servants, and in bondage, serving the pope in Egypt: God hath given us a deliverer, a natural king; let us seek no stranger of another nation; no hypocrite, which shall bring in again all papistry, hypocrisy, and idolatry." This looks like a prophetic spirit in that man.

The Articles of Marriage between Philip and Mary.

But now, lastly, to shew upon what foot this marriage stood, and what were the terms whereon it was concluded, I shall here set down the Articles of the Treaty; and the rather, because Hollingshed, who pretends to give an account of them, hath scarcely given half of them: Briefly,

I. They shall be married in England, &c.

Cott. Libr.  
Julius, F.6.

II. The queen shall have the whole disposition of all benefices, offices, lands, revenues, and fruits of her realms and dominions.

III. They shall be bestowed only upon Englishmen; and that all matters shall be treated in the tongues accustomed, and the laws and customs to be preserved and maintained.

IV. If Queen Mary overlive Prince Philip, she shall have out of the emperor's courts 40,000*l.* Flemish for her dowry.

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V. That their children shall succeed in this realm.

VI. That the realm of Spain, both the Sicils, the dukedom of Milain, and other dominions in Italy, shall remain to the Lord Charles, eldest son of the said prince, and to his heirs; and for lack of such issue, the eldest of this matrimony to succeed.

VII. The eldest son of this marriage shall succeed in the dukedoms of Brabant, Luxemburgh, Gelders, Zutphen, Burgundy, Friseland, in the counties of

Flanders, Artois, Zealand, Namur, and the land beyond the isles.

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VIII. If no male issue happen, then the eldest female shall inherit the lands of Lower Germany.

IX. If the Lord Charles die without issue, and none other children come of this marriage but women, then the eldest daughter of this marriage shall succeed not only in the Lower Germany and Burgundy, but also in the realms of Spain and England.

X. In all the said causes, the privileges and customs of every country shall be observed, and the same to be administered by the natural born of the same.

XI. That the said prince shall not promote to any office, administration, or benefit in the same realm of England, any stranger.

XII. The said prince shall receive into the service of his household and court, gentlemen and yeomen of the said realm of England, in convenient manner, and shall esteem, nourish, and use them lovingly; and shall bring up none into the realm that will do wrong to the subjects of the same; and if they do, he shall put them out of the court.

XIII. The said prince shall alter none estate of the laws and customs of England.

XIV. He shall not lead away the queen's highness out of this realm, unless she herself desire it; nor the children of them, unless it be thought good by the council and nobility.

XV. In case no children being left, the queen shall die before him, he shall not change any right in the said kingdom, but shall suffer it to succeed to the right heirs.

XVI. The said prince shall not carry out of the realm the jewels, nor any whit of the principalities of the same realm; nor suffer any part thereof to be usurped by his subjects or others; but shall see all the places of the realm, and especially the forts and frontiers of the same, faithfully kept, to the profit of the said realm, and that by the natural born of the same.

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XVII. That the same prince shall not suffer any ships, guns, and other ordnances of war, to be removed and conveyed out of the realm, but shall contrarywise cause them diligently to be kept and renewed, when need requireth ; and provided, that they may be always ready in their strength and force for the defence of the realm.

XVIII. That the realm of England, by occasion of this marriage, shall not directly nor indirectly be intangled with war, that is presently between the emperor and the French king ; but shall, as much as in in him lieth, see the peace thereof kept.

The emperor congratulates the marriage.

Soon after this marriage the emperor sent over one Draberncott, a gentleman of his chamber, to congratulate his son and daughter-in-law ; and to her was wrote a kind letter in French, with his own hand, beginning,

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His letter to the queen.  
Titus, B. 2.

“ Madame ma bonne Fille et Cousine : Comme le desir a esté plus grand, et de sy long temps, de la venue de mon fils, le roy, vostre mary, en vostre royaume,” &c. The contents whereof were : “ That as his desire was great and long, that his son, the king, her husband, should come into her realm, so the understanding of the love that was between them, and that she particularly had towards the person of his son, did double his content of this corresponding affection of them both.” Then, “ De laquelle je desire la perpetuation, et le fruyt, tant requis, que j’espere Dieu endonnera : et que l’assistance, qu’il vous pourra feire en l’administration et defence de v’re riau<sup>m</sup>e, et autorité, soit tel qu’il convient. Puisq ; vous avez tousjours eu en moy et en luy telle confiance, a la quelle je puis dire qu’il puisse satisfaire de son coste, comme je m’asseure de sa bonne volonté, et vous pouvez vous assurer de la meme. Il y a aucuns jours que j’avoys deliberé d’envoyer L Draberncott, gentilhomme de ma chambre (porteur de cette), pour vous visiter, et mon fils, et congratuler a vous deux la consummation du mar-



riage," &c. *i. e.* "Of which he desired the continuation, and the fruit, so requisite, that he hoped God would give it; and that the assistance which he would afford her in the administration and defence of her realm and authority, should be such as was convenient. And since she ever had such confidence in him and his son, wherein he (the emperor) might say, that his said son was able to give her satisfaction on his part, as he assured himself of his good-will towards her, and she might assure herself of the same. That it was some time since he had thoughts of sending Monsieur Draberncott, a gentleman of his chamber (who was the bringer of his letter), to visit her and his son, and to congratulate them both of the consummation of their marriage, but the delay thereof hitherto was occasioned by urgent business that took up all his time, as that gentleman could make report." And then he concludes: "La fin de ceste sera de vous assurer ancoyres pour tousjours de l'affection de celluy qui de moure a jamais,

Votre bon pere, frere, et cousin,

CHARLES."

In September, the emperor's ambassador returning home, the queen made this noble present of plate to him, as I find it in a Cotton MS.

The emperor's ambassador goes home.

PLATE.

Weight.

Three gilt bowls, with a cover . . .	96 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$
Three gilt bowls more, with a cover	105 $\frac{3}{4}$ <i>quar.</i>
Three gilt bowls more, with a cover	122 $\frac{3}{4}$ <i>qrt.</i>
One pair of gilt pots . . . . .	155 $\frac{3}{4}$ <i>di'</i>
One other pair of gilt pots . . . .	92 $\frac{3}{4}$ <i>3 qr.</i>
One pair of gilt flaggons . . . .	173 $\frac{3}{4}$
One standing cup, with a cover, &c.	

The rest is torn off; but it seems there was much more. So liberal was the queen to this ambassador, in acknowledgment of her obligations to the emperor his master.

There were many Spanish artizans already got into

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Spanish ar-  
tizans in  
London.

England and London; in which city they began to set open shops, for selling and trading; but, for fear of provoking the city, they were commanded to shut them up again, it being contrary to the orders and privileges of that place, for any but free denizens to open shop there.

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## CHAP. XV.

Cardinal Pole coming legate *a latere*. Dr. Thorneden, suffragan of Dover. Masses. Elizabeth Croft does penance. Apprehensions from Scotland.

The legate  
not yet in  
England,  
exercises  
his autho-  
rity here.

Collins, his  
commis-  
sary.

**B**UT as to the state of religion, a legate *de latere* was hastening towards us from the pope, who had now a fair game to play; and this legate was Reginald Pole, the English cardinal, an outlawed traitor. Who being come as far as Flanders, was gently stopped for a while by the emperor, for some politick considerations; but though he remained there this summer (and in June I find him at Brussels, the emperor's court) and had not yet arrived as far as England; yet he was not idle in exercising his legatine authority. For he constituted Robert Collins his commissary for Canterbury, by his letters patents: but a mutable man; for in King's Edward's reign, at a visitation at Wingham, he had preached, that Christ was a full satisfaction for all sins past, present, and to come. And this one Bland, who then heard him, told him openly to his face, when he sat to judge him. And Harpsfield, Archdeacon of Canterbury, he intrusted with the power of absolving all under his jurisdiction, that had erred from the unity of the church, and had complied with the Reformation; and, moreover, of communicating a power of absolving to other priests, that they might absolve others under their cures. And so also to Dr. Richard Thorneden, or (as he is commonly written in Fox) Thorneton, suffragan of Dover, the cardinal committed a faculty of absolu-

tion, though not to that degree as to authorize other priests to absolve, as he had granted to Harpsfield; because Thorneden had not deserved such a privilege to be granted him, having himself gone so freely forward in the late schism. So that Thomas Goldwel, one that had constantly attended upon Pole, and lately been his messenger into England, was fain to intercede very hard with the cardinal, before he would either continue him suffragan, or yield unto him any privilege at all. 1554.

For Thorneden had sent by Goldwel very humble and submissive letters to the legate. But he had received such informations of him, as made the legate hesitate much about him: as, that he had agreed with all the evil proceedings of late in England, as well against the sacrament of the altar, and the supreme authority of Christ's vicar in earth, as in the use of the late Communion Book, and the marriage of priests; and that he had conferred orders upon base, unlearned and evil-disposed persons; by reason whereof they had taken upon them to preach, and had done much hurt in Kent. So that men commonly reported of him, that if there should be any new mutation, he would be as ready to change again as any other. Which things created Goldwel much work to obtain any thing of the cardinal for him; but, at last, not only an absolution was procured and sent him of all matters past, but divers faculties; yet, charging him not to confer them upon any, but such as he knew would gladly receive them. And Goldwel told him, that there was never a bishop in England that had so great authority conferred on him concerning those under his cure; nor any other in England, besides Archdeacon Harpsfield. p. 135.

Thorneden being thus reconciled to the holy see, and thus furnished with his faculties, presently fell upon the exercise of his function in the celebration of the popish mass, in all his pontifical attire. For which Goldwel gave him a severe reprimand, in a letter to him from Brussels, in June (which seems to

Reproved.



1554. have been written by the legate's direction.) That so presently after he had received his own absolution, instead of an humble and penitent deportment for his past miscarriages, he presumed to sing mass in his *pontificalibus* on the holy days immediately following, and to minister to children the sacrament of confirmation. Whereas it would, he said, have been more honour to God and himself, and edification to the people, if, like as he had offended in the face of the world, to the damnation of many, he would have shewed himself penitent in the face of the world, to the edification of many; not only not to have celebrated so very *pontificaliter*, but also for a time to have abstained, for reverence, *totaliter* from the altar, according to the old custom of the church, and as he had known some to have done.

Once declaring he  
abhorred  
the mass.

This Thorneden, or Thorneton (for he is writ both ways) thrust himself into Adisham living, the incumbent, a learned and good man, being alive, viz. Mr. Bland aforesaid, who was afterwards burnt at Canterbury, anno 1555, for his holy profession; and this intruder was one of his judges. This man once said, that in his conscience he had abhorred the mass three years; and when sitting upon the bench, Bland's judge, he called him a *sacramentary*, Bland told him, that he heard him say those words, and then he was a *sacramentary* himself. But the suffragan, not liking to have these past matters rubbed up, told him, he lied, nor ever said it. But the other replied, he could produce witness of it, and assign, if need were, the very day and place, where and when. But he sufficiently repaired his reputation by being in this reign so instrumental to the death of many holy professors, by virtue of his commission and suffragan authority.

A gun discharged at  
the Paul's  
Cross  
preacher.

The Paul's Cross sermon, June 10, was preached by Dr. Pendleton (for his mutability akin to Thorneton) and between ten and eleven a clock, while he was preaching, a gun was shot off, and the bullet went over him, and hit the wall; it being a pellit of

tin. Whether it were done by some out of detestation of Pendleton's doctrine, or his person ; who had been a zealous professor of religion in King Edward's days, which he basely renounced under Queen Mary. But, notwithstanding the narrowest search, the shooter could not be found. 1554.

June 24. A priest at his parish church, near Charing Cross, sung the English Litany, for which he was sent to Newgate. A priest sent to Newgate.

Now none of the holidays of note passed without some extraordinary masses and processions. On the same 24th of June, being the festival of St. John, was the strangers' mass, which was kept at St. Edmund, Lombard-street, London, performed with much solemnity, and the church hung with rich cloth. And the next day was a mass kept at the Grey Friars, for the sextons of London ; and after they went a procession, with the waits playing and clerks singing, through Cheapside unto Soper-lane, and back again through Paul's church-yard, by the Dean's Place ; and through Warwick-lane, unto the Grey Friars, whence they set out ; and so to dinner unto the Cooks' Hall. For with good dinners these processional shows commonly ended. The strangers' mass.

The same 25th day the Prince of Piemont came to London, with a great company of Spaniards, wearing crosses ; some red, some green, some white. The sextons' mass.

On the 29th of June, being St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day, was a fair at Westminster Abbey, and a goodly procession, and after mass. There the Prince of Piemont, and divers Spaniards, heard mass in King Henry the Seventh's chapel. p. 136.

Now came the time for Elizabeth Croft's penance, the maid that practised the fraud of the voice in the wall by a whistle, in Aldersgate-street. For now, a scaffold being made at Paul's Cross for her to stand upon, on the 6th of July, one of the prebendaries then preached, and the maid, standing as aforesaid, she acknowledged openly, that it was one John Drakes, Sir Anthony's (some priest's) servant, that Prince of Piemont comes.

Eliz. Croft doth penance.

1554. employed her; she wept pitifully, and kneeled down, and asked God mercy and the queen, and bade all people beware of false teaching: and said, that promises were made her that she should have many good things given her; as though that had been the cause that induced her to this deceit. And on the Thursday following, viz. July 10, one who was a weaver, dwelling in Golden-lane, being of counsel with this maid, was set on the pillory.

Apprehensions from Scotland.

This summer were great apprehensions from Scotland; which was always upon England's back, whensoever the realm was in hostility with France, being set on by that crown. The Queen of Scots, early in July, was expected at Jedworth, a town in Scotland, upon the borders; for great provisions were making for her reception, forty puncheons of wine, with other necessaries, being laid in. Of which the Lord Conyers gave the Earl of Shrewsbury, lord president, notice by a letter, July 1, signifying, that he thought she would shortly make her repair to the borders; requiring the earl, that such as he had already given warning unto, both in Richmondshire and other places, might be in a readiness, upon one hour's warning to come thitherward, if need should so require. And for the better knowledge of her intent, the said Lord Conyers had upon feigned matters written unto that queen, and given order unto the messenger to learn what he possibly might of her purpose. Upon whose return he gave the lord president further advertisement; and of this approach of the Scotch queen he also certified the lords of the queen's council. Nor was this the first time he gave intelligence hereof to the said lord president; for, on the 6th of June, the said Lord Conyers signified it, and what the report was of the reason of her coming; writing in this tenor to him:

Lord Conyers to the lord president of the North.  
E Literis Com. Salop in Offic. Armor.

“ The Scotch queen doth intend, before the latter end of this instant June, to make her repair unto these east borders or confines of Scotland; and for the more certainty thereof, I am assured that her



provision is there made accordingly. But to what purpose her coming is, I am not as yet surely advertised; but, as she doth alledge, the same is only for justice sake, and to minister the same unto such evil doers on the borders of Scotland, as do go about to break the peace and amity between the realms. But whatsoever her intent is, I trust, by the grace of God, with the small power I have, to put my self in such readiness, as for the sudden, if her purpose so were, that she and her force should be resisted. And, if need further require, I do intend, as my duty is, to send unto your lordship, being lieutenant in these parts, for such aid and relief as occasion shall serve, &c. From Barwick, 6 June.

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Yours, &amp;c.

JOHN CONYERS."

The same lord, upon more narrow inquiry into these motions of the Scotch queen, this July 19, further informed the lord lieutenant: "So far as I can learn, the Scotch queen doth greatly desire that justice be ministred on the borders. And, for the more appearance thereof, sithence her repair to Jedworth, I do well understand, that she hath called before her divers of the most and greatest faulters, both of Tivendale and the March, and doth punish them in ward. So that by mine intelligence I cannot wit, that she meaneth any thing at this time towards these pieces, saving only the administration of her laws, and the pacifying the deadly feuds which are among divers surnames of her borders."

Ubi supra.

Soon after this the queen went away, without offering, as yet, any injury to England. For, as the same lord wrote, July 28, "That the Scotch queen departed from Jedworth the 13 instant, and came the same night unto Kelsay, and the next day to Hume Castle; and so along the borders unto Langton, Haymouth, Donbarr, and Addington; and that she had travailed very earnestly to bring her subjects unto amity and love one with another; and took, of divers surnames, pledges for the observing and keep-

The Queen  
of Scots  
departs  
from the  
borders.

1554. ing of good rules; as of the Carrs, the Scots, with divers others. And that for the redress of those marches between him (the Lord Conyers) and the wardens of Scotland, he was well answered, and as to equity and justice appertained; and as good delivery made on both parts, as had been don in a great while before."

## CHAP. XVI.

Bishop Bonner's visitation. Orders for Cambridge. Visitation of Oxford.

Bonner  
visits his  
diocese.

IN the vacancy between this marriage, and the sitting of the next parliament, Bonner, Bishop of London, visited his diocese; which visitation began September 6. For this purpose he prepared a Book of Articles, containing 37 in number; according to which articles, six men in every parish were to make inquiry, and to bring in their presentments by the 23d of September, of all that had offended against any of them. Bonner went in person this visitation. Of his fury and high displeasure, when he came to Hadham, because the bells rang not to welcome him, and a rood was not set up in the church, and such like matters, Fox makes relation; making a mention also of the bishop's articles, but sets them not down; which, therefore, I have put into the Catalogue. Whereby it may appear, to him that reads them, that this visitation was instituted chiefly to root out the Reformation, and the godly clergy that favoured it, out of his diocese. A bitter invective against these articles John Bale set forth, in 1554, exposing the Romish clergy, and their vices. This book was intitled, "A Declaration of Edmund Boner's Articles concerning the Clergy of London Diocess; whereby that execrable Antichrist is in his right Colours revealed." His Epistle is dated from Basil, "To his faithful brethren of London diocess, and so forth to

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all the Christian believers within England, Ireland, and Scotland. 1554.

In these articles Bonner had called the ordinances of King Henry and King Edward *schismatical*, and said, that they were *contrary to the ancient order*. Whereupon the foresaid author shoots these sharp words at him: "Why should he say, that they were *schismatical*, *contrary to ancient order*, repugnant to the customs of the catholick church? They were set forth according to the scriptures of God, and are agreeable to the order of the primitive church. If the holy scripture, and the primitive Christen church be old, and an order allowed, then were their ecclesiastical ordinances, according to the old order, allowable; and he for his slanderous report, is more worthy of a halter than a mitre. In the foresaid King Henry's days, he not only allowed them, and praised them, but also he magnified and advanced them, even to the very stars. Then were they a maintenance to Christ's gospel; then were they to the honour of Almighty God; then were they to the commodity of all Christen people, by his own report. In those days were both he and they evangelical. Now are they become altogether schismatical. O! creeping heretick! O! dissembling Gnatho! O! abominable flatterer! with how double a heart, and more wicked a conscience, hast thou borne that deceitful face of thine for these twenty years space? Didst thou not know, that he that resisteth the power, which is of God's ordinance, procureth to himself damnation? Thou oughtest not thus to have mocked therewith; neither yet now in the end to have railed thereon, for conscience sake, if thou hadst any conscience."

Calls the former king's ordinances schismatical.

Before we leave Bishop Bonner's visitation, let us trace him a little into Essex: "Where passing from place to place (I use here a Foxian MS.) to visit his flock (not as Christ passed by the coasts of Tyrus and Sydon, and the parts of Samaria, to preach the gospel of peace, to help their diseases, and to give life to the people; but, as the bishops of that church

The bishop comes to Dunmow in his visitation.



1554. be ever wont, to glean their money, to keep down the gospel, to spy out hereticks, and bring poor men to the fire) arrived at the town of Dunmow, where Dr. Byrd was then vicar, who of late afore had been Bishop of Chester, and thereof lately deprived, for that he was lawfully married. For the which, notwithstanding he shewed himself so repentant (saying, that he married against his will, and for bearing with the time, and thereupon did unlawfully repudiate his lawful wife) that he was again invested, and not only made vicar of Dunmow, but also Bishop Bonner's suffragan, attending upon the bishop in his visitation to *confirm* children after the manner of that office.

Dr. Byrd  
suffragan :

Divorced ;  
but his  
chastity  
suspected  
afterwards.

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“ This Dr. Byrd was well stricken in years, having but one eye; and though he, to flatter with the time, had renounced his wife, being made of a young protestant an old catholic; yet, as catholic as he was, such devotion he bare to his man's wife, that he had them both dwelling with him in his own vicarage, she being both young, fair, and newly married, that either the voice of the parish lyed, or else he loved her more than enough. But of such covered cautelty, being taken for good catholic chastity, I have not to deal, referring that to Him, which once I trust shall purge the church of all such cloked hypocrisy.” And thus far of the man; now to the matter.

He preaches before  
the bishop.

“ It happened, that this suffragan above mentioned was appointed by the bishop to preach in the church of Dunmow; for it was not meet nor seemble, that the bishop, being occupied with other weightier affairs, and of more importance, should debase himself to such petit functions of preaching, but to commit them rather to other inferior substitutes. Thus the suffragan, at the bishop's assignment, upstert to the pulpit, with no small expectation of some great account of learning to be looked for at his hands. The theme which he took, was, ‘ Tes es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificabo ecclesiam meam,’ &c. Upon which ground his intent being to advance and extol the high pre-eminence of St. Peter's excellency, he waded so

far as himself knew not where he was, nor any man else understood whether he would ; so deep was he drowned in the profoundness of that divinity, that the more he strove to get out of the labyrinth, the further he wound himself in that subtil maze: so far had he overreached his key, that he was gone clean beyond Ela, and almost beyond himself; so that where the drift of his sermon was, if he could have brought it out, to prove the stability of St. Peter, and so successively of the pope's seat, suddenly he slipt into the weakness of St. Peter, and of all mankind ; reciting this text: ' Antequam gallus cantet, ter me ' negabis,' &c. ' Before the cock crow, thou shalt ' deny me thrice,' &c. meaning belike, by the fall of Peter, to excuse his own weakness, and of all Adam's children, if he could well have discharged the matter.

" These two contraries standing so disjointly, were more than a wonder to the audience, and no less trouble also to the preacher himself, who still dwelling in this fruitless babble, and, as you would say, hanging still upon a note, might not well tell how to wind himself out. All this while the bishop was disquieted not a little, and stood upon thorns; for he made faces, his elbow itched, and so hard was his cushion whereon he sat, that many times during the sermon he stood up, looking towards the suffragan, giving signs, and such signs as almost had speaking, to proceed to the full event of his cause in hand; which was, as he looked for, either to establish the usurped seat of Rome, or else to maintain the altar-god. For in these two consisted the chief scope of all that visitation. But my lord's suffragan either could not, or would not take up his meaning."

Thus did Bonner act his part for the catholick cause. If we look over to the other zealous Roman bishop, he, I mean, of Winchester, we shall find him not less busy, as in other respects, so for the reforming the university of Cambridge, whercof he was chancellor. But in October, or thereabouts, he sent Christopher-son, now Master of Trinity College, with divers

Bp. Gardiner sends orders for Cambridge.

1554. orders, and especially for the observation of three articles, which it seems were not so exactly regarded before.

I. That every scholar should wear his apparel according to his degree in the schools.

p. 140. II. Touching the pronounciation of the Greek tongue. In which, no question, the university followed Sir John Cheke's reformed and correct way of reading and sounding it; though this Gardiner, their chancellor, in King Henry's days, had sent a peremptory order forbidding it; but he being under a cloud in the reign of King Edward, Cheke's way prevailed again; and so now it was to be forbidden again.

III. That every preacher there should declare the whole style of the king and queen in their sermons.

Upon these and several other orders, many students left the university. Some were thrust out of their fellowships; some miserably handled. Four-and-twenty places in St. John's College became vacant, and others more ignorant put in their rooms.

Visitors at  
Oxford.

At this time were visitors at Oxford too; where many were deprived. Then Dr. Tresham, a canon of Christ's Church, called all the students of that college together, and in an oration persuaded them to receive the mass. He had got a great many fine copes of the queen for that college, intended at first for the use of Windsor. He also got them our Lady Bell of Bampton; or, at least, so he promised them to do. And then he said, they should have the sweetest ring of bells in the realm. Goodly reasons to sway them to popery!

## CHAP. XVII.

The professors of the gospel, clergy and laity, under persecution.  
Their benefactors. Some account of them.

**BUT** now to look a little back towards the beginning of this year. In order to the restoring and



establishing the Romish religion, it was thought convenient to remove out of the way the reformed 1554. All the reformed bishops and preachers removed. bishops and clergy; which the rigorous courses they took effectually brought to pass: clapping up all of the most note or eminency upon some pretence or other, either that they preached without licence, or owed the queen money for first-fruits or tenths, or used King Edward's Service-book, and the like; so that the Tower, the Fleet, the Marshalsea, the King's Bench, Newgate, and the two Counters were full of them. But that it might be known (whatever of heresy or unsound doctrine was laid to their charge) that they were orthodox and sound in faith, and what the opinions, in truth, were, for which they lay in prison; and also, that it might appear, that there was an unity of doctrine among these professors: therefore they caused a certain confession of faith to be written and published abroad; which the chief bishops and preachers, then living and under confinement, subscribed their names unto, and made a publick challenge to maintain the same by dispute or writing; which, among other excellent records, is preserved by Mr. Fox in his Acts; and which I have transferred a copy of in my Catalogue, as very well No. XVII. worthy to be perused by such as desire to be thereby informed in the history of these persecutions. But to give here a brief account of it:

The confession consisted of eight articles, p. 141.

I. That they believed all the canonical books of scripture to be God's very word, and that it was to be the judge in all controversies of faith. Their confession.

II. That they believed the catholic church, as an obedient spouse, followed the doctrines of this book; and therefore she was to be heard accordingly.

III. That they believed all the articles of the faith set forth in the Apostles' Creed, and in the symbols of the councils of Nice, Constantinople, Ephesus, Chalcedon, and Toletum, and of Athanasius, Irenæus,

1554. Tertullian, and Damasus, which was about the year 376.

IV. Concerning justification, they believed, that it was only of God's mercy in Jesus Christ; and that it was perceived and had by none but by faith only: which faith was not an opinion, but a certain persuasion wrought by the Holy Ghost, whereby the mind is illuminated, and the heart supplied to submit to and obey the will of God: and so sheweth forth an inherent righteousness.

V. They believed that the external service of God ought to be according to the word of God: and that therefore all things done in the congregation ought to be done in a tongue that may most edify; not in Latin, not understood by the people.

VI. That God only by Jesus Christ is to be prayed unto; therefore they disallowed invocation of saints.

VII. That as a man departs this life, so he shall be judged at the last day, and entereth into the state of the blessed for ever, or the damned for ever; and therefore, that he is past all help, or needs no help. Therefore purgatory, masses, &c. are the doctrine of antichrist.

VIII. That the sacraments of Christ, baptism, and the Lord's supper, ought to be ministred according to the institution of Christ. Therefore they held, that the mutilation of the sacrament, and the doctrine of transubstantiation, and the adoration of the bread, &c. is antichristian. This confession was signed, May 8, by Farrar, Hoper, Coverdale, bishops; Rogers, Bradford, Philpot, Crome, Saunders, and others, eminent divines.

The condition of those in the King's Bench,

The prisoners in the King's Bench had tolerable fair usage, and favour sometimes shewn them. There was a pleasant garden belonging thereunto, where they had liberty sometimes to walk. Upon which Philpot, in a letter to Careless, reflected, when he

was removed thence to the Bishop's Coal-house, one of the worst prisons in London: "This loathsome and horrible prison, said he, is as pleasant to me, as the walk in the garden of the King's Bench: though my lord's Coal-house be very black, yet it is more to be desired of the faithful than the queen's palace." They that were kept here in this prison of the King's Bench, had also liberty of meeting together for religious worship, where Philpot, or some other eminent and godly men, did use to preach to, and exhort the rest; so that they were greatly confirmed and strengthened. "Blessed be the time (writes Careless to Philpot on this account) that ever I came to the King's Bench to be joined in love and friendship with such dear children of the Lord." Nor did they want any thing here, by means of liberal supplies of charity from well-affected citizens. "We are all chearful and merry in our cross, and do lack no necessities, praised be God;" said the same Careless. The reason of this favour to these prisoners was chiefly, because the officers secretly favoured the gospel: whom, I suppose, Philpot meant, when in a letter to Careless, then lying in this prison, in the conclusion, he bad him salute his loving friends, Master Meryng, Master Crooch, with the rest, and especially Master Marshal (probably the knight marshal, or his under marshal) and his wife, with great thanks for the kindness shewed unto him. Those also in the Marshalsea had the favour indulged them of meeting daily together, to join in the English prayers. Thus Bradford once brake off a letter suddenly, because, as he wrote there, their Common Prayer time called him.

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And Marshalsea.

The sustainers of these and other prisoners of the gospel, and of such as were fled abroad for religion, were not known, their names being studiously concealed, for their safety in those times: yet some of them, who by money, clothes and provisions, administered unto their necessities, were these; whose names I have collected, and set down here, in grateful and lasting memory of their good deeds:

The contributors to them and other afflicted professors.



1554.	Mr. Robert Harrington, and Lucy his wife.	Robert Parker, and Anne his wife.
	Mr. Heath and his wife.	Richard Chambers.
	Mr. Elsing and his wife.	John Mannying.
	Sir Wm. Fitz-Williams, and the Lady Fitz- Williams, his wife.	Robert Cole.
	Mr. Hurland and his wife.	John Lidley.
	Richard Springham, mer- chant of London.	The Lady Vane.
	John Abel, ditto.	Mrs. Wilkinson.
	Richard Hills, ditto.	Mrs. Warcup.
	Tho. and George Eaton, or Heton, ditto.	Mrs. Elizabeth Brown.
		Mrs. Ann Hartlepole ; who made some com- pliance afterwards.

Sir William  
Fitz-Wil-  
liams.

Richard  
Hills.

Stow's  
Surv. Dow-  
gate-ward.

Richard  
Chambers.

Of these Sir William Fitz-Williams was knight marshal of the King's Bench ; a good man, and a lover of the gospel : to whom Bradford wrote a letter, and presented him with Bishop Ridley's disputation, which he translated from a Latin copy, that Ridley himself had corrected. Concerning Richard Hills, I find, that in the year 1548, he was living in Strassburgh ; and to him Archbishop Cranmer recommended Martin Bucer, to put him in a way of coming safe into England. One of this name, and, I suppose, the same, was master of the Merchant-Taylor's Company, and gave 500*l.* towards the purchase of a house, called the *Manor of the Rose*, sometime belonging to the Duke of Buckingham, for the building of a free-school ; and there the great school, commonly called *The Merchant Taylors' School*, is now kept. Richard Chambers did, in King Edward's days, expend great sums of his money in charity, which ran in two streams ; one towards the supply of such as were students in the universities, and the other towards other godly poor ; for he was a great favourer of learning, and a friend to the oppressed. In the reign of that king he visited both Cambridge and Oxford, allowing pensions to many hopeful young men there. At Oxford he afforded 6*l.*

a-year to Mr. Jewel to buy divinity-books, and exhorted him to set his mind intensely upon that study: for he did not only relieve the wants of the needy, but greatly edified them by his counsel. And commonly, when he was to dispose his charity, he took a preacher with him, who instructed the receivers of his bounty, and admonished the students of their duty; which office Peter Martyr sometimes performed, and sometimes Jewel: and there is a Latin speech, which Jewel made upon this occasion, extant in the life of that learned man, writ by Dr. Humfrey. And the said Chambers, being afterwards an exile at Frankfort, continued his good deeds, in helping and succouring the students, and the poorer sort of the English nation there. Thomas Heton, or Eaton, who had been extraordinary bountiful and compassionate to the exiles, while he had wealth, in Queen Elizabeth's time was reduced to want; and he that had relieved others, now, in his old age, needed to be relieved himself. Tho. Sampson, therefore, in the year 1573, wrote earnestly to Sir William Cecyl, Lord Burghley, and then lord treasurer, in his behalf, to move the queen to allow him the transporting of some thousands of cloths without paying custom.

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Thomas  
Heton.

Robert Parker and his wife were among those pious gospellers, that retired into Germany in these days for their consciences; and, as it seems, kept house, with four children, Anne and Cecilie, and two sons, the one named Wentworth (perhaps, from the lord of that name, on whom Parker might be some dependent) the other Peregrine, so named, I make little question, because born a stranger and a pilgrim, as the Duchess of Suffolk her son, by Mr. Bertie, born in these days, obtained the like name; and Sir Tho. Wroth had a son now born, he being an exile, whom he called Gerson, of the same import. This gentleman was very helpful to those of his godly countrymen among whom he dwelt; and, particularly, to Bartholomew Traheron, late Dean of Chichester; who, in gratitude, dedicated to him and his wife

Robert  
Parker.

1554. (whom he styled *exiles for Christ's cause*) his *Lectures*, that he read and printed there; "Inasmuch as the bowels of the saints had been refreshed by them, and to render this testimony of their singular godliness: praying God Almighty to augment in them the knowledge of his truth, and love of righteousness." He seemed a person as of great piety, so of an inquisitive mind in the doctrines of religion: for when a certain gentleman, who had been an auditor at Traheron's lectures, censured some passages therein, as that he had said, "That it was God's will and ordinance that Adam should sin," speaking too irreverently of God, seeming to make God the author of sin, Parker procured the same gentleman and Traheron to have a meeting, to debate this matter before him; which ended in an agreement upon the chief points that before were in controversy between them.

Lady Vane As for these women aforesaid, the Lady Vane was a very pious lady, and of large munificence; unto whom, out of great respect, were letters writ from Bradford, Philpot, Careless, Traheron, Rose, and others. She lived to the year 1568, and in Holborn departed this life; whose end was more like a sleep than death. She seems to have been Sir Ralph Vane's widow, who was beheaded with the Duke of Somerset. To Mrs. Wilkinson there is a letter extant from Archbishop Cranmer, exhorting her to flee; and another from Bishop Hoper, and two or three from Mr. Bradford, upon his receiving gifts from her; in one whereof he prayed God, "To recompense into her bosom all the good that ever she had done, to him especially, and to many others, both in that time of trouble, and always heretofore." Mrs. Warcup was a widow; among other whose good deeds, this was one, that she was instrumental in saving the life of Jewel, that afterwards proved a great light to the English church: for when in the beginning of Queen Mary's reign, fleeing away from Oxon, being on foot, he was so tired and spent, that he laid himself down upon the ground half dead; then Au-



gustine Bernher, that good man, by mere chance, or rather by great providence, met him in that forlorn condition; and setting him upon a horse, brought him to this lady, who refreshed and entertained him, and after conveyed him safe to London, whither he was going, in order to his flight beyond sea.

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Besides these helpers and concealers of ministers and other eminent professors, who supplied them with necessaries, or kept them privately in their houses, I trace two more out of Bradford's letters: the one was Mr. Coker, of Malden, in Essex, a man

Mr. Coker.

of some quality there; to whom the said Bradford wrote a letter, and therein begged him to find out some hole to hide John Serchfield for some time. The other was Mr. Richard Hopkins, who was sheriff of Coventry. This man was taken and put into the prison of the Fleet; the crime, as was conjectured, was for sending a New Testament to a thief that was condemned. While he lay there Bradford sent him a comfortable letter. After divers weeks' imprisonment he and his liberty, and fled into Germany with his wife got eight children; and was there a reliever of others.

Mr. Hopkins.

Lastly, The citizens of London must not be forgotten, who, throughout this hard reign, were very bountiful to the poor sufferers; in acknowledgment whereof, Careless, in the year 1556, wrote a letter of thanks to them; beginning thus: "When I had with myself well weighed and considered the great charge and burden that you have borne and been at, not only with me, but also with many other poor afflicted people of God, ever since the time that tyranny last broke loose in this miserable land," &c.

The citizens bountiful to the prisoners.

As the prisoners of Christ had these kind benefactors, so there were at hand to them trusty messengers, which were almost as needful as the other; by whom liberality and letters, and other things, were secretly conveyed to them, and letters and messengers sent from them in durance to their friends abroad, or to the congregations, for the comforting, counselling and

Augustine Bernher a faithful messenger.

1554. strengthening of them. One of these their faithful servants was good Augustine Bernher, a Swisse by nation, if I mistake not, but that had been long Latimer's servant, and who put out his Sermons after his death, with his own Preface before them. This man was excellently serviceable to the poor prisoners and martyrs, travelling continually from place to place, and from one prison to another, and standing upon no pain or danger to do good offices for the poor professors: and when Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley were prisoners at Oxon, he took a journey thither to them with relief, letters, and business. As for the wives and fatherless children of such as died for religion, he was a kind of overseer to them. Robert Glover, in his last letter before his martyrdom to his wife and children, about 1556, advised them to flee, and to take Bernher's advice; whom he called an *Angel of God*: "God send thee a good guide, and a good passage, if it be his will, out of this idolatrous and bloody realm. As Christ committed his mother to John, so I commit you in this world to the Angel of God, Augustine Bernher. His advertisement if you shall follow, I trust you shall not decline from the fear of God." There is a remarkable passage related by Fox of this Augustine: that a few days before Glover should be burnt, he felt his heart very lumpish and cold, and could perceive no joy nor comfort in his soul; which he complained of to Augustine. Augustine bad him persist, for his cause was good; and God would in due time instil comfort and joy into him: and withal prayed him, when this came to pass, to give him some sign of it. The good man continued praying most earnestly to God for consolation; and at his going to execution, when he had most need of it, he felt a joy spring within him, as it were, on a sudden; and then he cried out, clapping his hands, *Austin, He is come! He is come!* This Fox had afterwards from Augustine's own mouth. Several letters there be of Bradford's to this Bernher. He also sent him a Treatise of the Baptism of Chil-

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dren to write out: and that being done, he promised him other things; for his own instruction, I suppose, and for the instruction of others. This Bernher lived long after, in Queen Elizabeth's reign, in a living in the country, called Sutton, if I mistake not, and died in peace. 1554.

As they had these true friends, so they had false ones too, treacherous Judases, that betrayed them; discovering to their enemies who their benefactors were, the relief they received, the letters they wrote, and such like. Of this sort was Grimbold; who this year being in the Marshalsea for religion, was persuaded to recant; and confessed and revealed every thing he knew concerning the professors. Many writings of Ridley he got, and secretly put them into the hands of the popish superiors. But this recantation of his was kept secret from the prisoners, and they were not to know it, though they suspected him: and so remaining among them, he served as a spy upon them. He was often visited by many of the great popish doctors. Dr. Weston came to him; whereof Saunders took notice in a letter to a friend: "What he hath with him concluded, I know not. Pray that it may be to God's glory." And after a visit Dr. Story gave him, Bradford was more closely confined, and the keeper threatened: whereat Bradford desired Bernher, in a letter, to learn, if he could, what Mr. Gr. had spoken to Dr. Story and others. "The cause of all this trouble, both to my keeper and me, is thought come by him." At this time it was made death to the keeper for any to speak with Bradford. Grimbold false.

## CHAP. XVIII.

The principles of the protestants as to obedience. The exiles. Who they were; and where they harboured. Their writings. Some protestants recant. Bishop Barlow's recantation.

**T**HIS then is some account of the condition of the professors, as to their troubles and friends; popery

The protestants' principles for obedience.



1554. being now established, and every where taking place, though the hearts of the protestants rose against it : and some, as opportunity served, joined in insurrections and mutinies ; others, of a more easy or timorous spirit, complied with the queen out of flattery, or to save their skins. Yet it was the current principle among the wisest and best of them, that the queen being now their sovereign, was to be obeyed, as far as she commanded things lawful ; but in other matters, to obey God rather than man, and to submit patiently, till God's good time of deliverance came. This is expounded by the words of one that lived in those times, and was afterwards a bishop under Queen Elizabeth. “ Although (said he) kings and rulers in commonwealths were then heathens (that is, when St. Peter wrote, that we must obey the king as chief and highest ruler) and not christned, yet he bids obey them as the chief and highest, and neither willeth any to be disobedient, to pull the sword out of their hand, nor to set up himself above them, but humbly to obey them in all things not contrary to God's truth and religion. But if they command any thing contrary to God's word, we must answer with the apostles, *We must rather obey God than man.* And let no man think, that in displeasing of God, he can please man ; for God, who hath all men's hearts in his hand, will turn his heart to hurt thee, whom thou wouldst please and flatter by displeasing and disobeying God. Nor owe we any obedience to men in such things wherein God is offended and disobeyed. If England had learned this lesson in time of persecution, we should neither, for fear, at the voice of a woman, have denied our Master with Peter, nor, for flattery, have worshipped Baal, nor rashly rebelled, but humbly have suffered God's scourge, until it had pleased God to have cast the rod into the fire. The which he would sooner have done, if our unthankful sturdiness had not deserved a longer plague. The Lord for his mercy sake grant, that both we, and all other, may hercafter beware from like pulling on our

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heads the righteous scourge of God for our wickedness, and the impatient bearing of the same, when it cometh." From hence we may take what was the sense of the gravest and chief protestants in those days, in the case of obedience and disobedience, and submission and resistance to princes that command unlawful things.

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This was the state of the protestants that remained in the land; but many fled away, and turned voluntary exiles, to escape the fury that was coming upon all that were resolved to stick to the true religion, and would not comply with the newly-introduced papal superstitions. They were dispersed abroad in divers and sundry places, where the gospel was professed; as Frankfort, Argentine or Strasburgh, Basil, Zurich, Wezel, Geneva, and other towns. Some of the chief of them, in these places, were as follow:

Many flee abroad.

At Frankfort, were Mr. Isaac, a Kentish gentleman; at whose hired house in this town were harboured Richard Chambers, and Tho. Sampson, late Dean of Chichester; who were the two first that earnestly desired Jewel, upon his first coming, to make a public confession of his fault in subscribing. This Chambers, who was treasurer of the contribution-money for maintaining the exiles, gave some allowance to the said Jewel. Here were many persons of quality, besides those above mentioned; as Sir Francis Knowles, after treasurer of Queen Elizabeth's chamber, and Henry, his eldest son. Here also were Sanford, Rob. Crowley, Rob. Horn, late Dean of Durham, David Whitehead, an ancient learned divine, and once recommended by Archbishop Cranmer to be Archbishop of Armagh; Tho. Lever, a grave learned man of St. John's College, in Cambridge, who afterwards went to Arow, in Helvetia, and was there minister of another congregation of English; and the Scotch preacher, John Makebray, who was the first that preached the gospel to the English here, for about a year; and then went to another church in Low Germany.

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At Argentine.

At Argentine were Alexander Noel, Prebend of Westminster, and afterwards Dean of St. Paul's; Arthur Saul, late fellow of Magdalen College, Oxon; William Cole, fellow, afterwards president, of Corpus Christi. Here also sojourned those learned knights, Sir John Cheke, Sir Richard Morison, Sir Anthony Cook, Sir Peter Carey, Sir Thos. Wroth. Also J. Ponet, late Bishop of Winchester; Edmund Grindal, late Bishop Ridley's chaplain, afterwards Archbishop of York and Canterbury successively; Edwin Sandys, late Master of Katharine Hall, in Cambridge, afterward Archbishop of York; Tho. Eton, a merchant of London. Bale reckoneth up a great many more.

At Basil.

At Basil was Bale, for the printing-presses' sake. Here latewardly also were James Pilkington, Rich. Turner, and Thomas Bentham, all preachers; who also read lectures there. The first upon Ecclesiastes, both Epistles of St. Peter, and St. Paul to the Galatians. The second read upon the Epistle of St. James, and that to the Hebrews and the Ephesians; and Bentham upon the Acts of the Apostles. Here also resided one Plough, a preacher, who wrote an Apology for the Protestants, anno 1558.

At Zurich.

At Zurich, hither came about twelve English; Laurence Humfrey was one, afterwards the king's learned professor of divinity in Oxford; and John Parkhurst was another, late rector of the rich living of Cleve, and afterward Bishop of Norwich. They all lived together with much comfort, in the house of Christopher Froscover, printer, and paid each for his ordinary. Humfrey extolleth the great hospitality and kindness of the magistrates of this town, and of the ministers, namely, Bullinger, Pellican, Bibliander, Simler, Wolphius, Lavater, Zwinglius, Gesner, and Gualter. He styled it, "*Incredibilis humanitas, et civium omnium omnia officia charitatis plenissima.*" These twelve came hither before P. Martyr came from Argentine, to be professor of divinity here; who, when he came, brought Jewel along with him.

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Here were also James Pilkington, laster Master of St. John's College, Cambridge, afterwards Bishop of Durham; Tho. Bentham, late fellow of Magdalen College, Oxon, afterwards Bishop of Litchfield; Tho. Lever, lately at Frankford; Tho. Spenser, Rob. Beaumont, Nic. Carvil. These being here, had supplies yielded them by Chambers, and certain London merchants, Richard Springham, John Abel, Tho. Eton, and some others, whose names were studiously concealed. 1554.

In Freezland, and particularly at Wezel, were to At Wezel. the number of an hundred persons, men and women. Among the rest here were, Scory, late Bishop of Chichester; Tho. Young, late chanter of St. David's, afterwards Archbishop of York; Geo. Roo, John Rough, not long after a martyr; these, in their religious meetings, used the order set forth in the time of King Edward. Coverdale was some time their preacher, until he was called by the Duke of Bipont to be preacher at Bergzaber. Here sojourned some time the pious Duchess of Suffolk, and Mr. Bertu, her husband.

At Geneva was Knox, King Edward's chaplain, At Geneva. and, after, the great reformer of Scotland, a violent man against the English book; and William Whittingham, after Dean of Durham; John Bodly, Anthony Gilby, William Kethe, John Pullain, Christopher Goodman, and several others, that employed p. 148. themselves in making another translation of the Bible, with marginal notes, and afterwards was printed.

Many of these being thus safely settled abroad in protestant towns and cities in Germany, Switzerland, or elsewhere, did spend their time in writing of books and letters, to the use and benefit of those good people that they had left behind, to exhort them to stedfastness and patience. Among these was Ponet, or Poynet, late Bishop of Winchester, a very learned man; who wrote as learned a book in answer to Dr. Martyn, and in vindication of himself, who had writ before in behalf of priests' marriage: "I have (said he) pen, Some of the exiles write, viz

1554. ink, paper, and quietness, God be praised, enough; all which they (the papists) have as well as I. But one thing I have on my side which they have not, which is a comfort to me, and trouble to them; that is, truth. *Truth*, I say, is on my side, as it is plain by my proofs, not grounded upon things that may err and deceive, as many traditions and doctrines of men, whereupon the papists chiefly ground themselves; but upon the infallible word of God, taught in the Old and New Testament, by the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and Christ," &c.

Sampson.  
His letter  
to the pa-  
rish of Al-  
hallows.

Sampson, late Dean of Chichester, and Rector of St. Alhallows, London, wrote this year also a very good letter to the true professors of Christ's gospel in the parish of Alhallows, in Bread-street; aiming thereby to strengthen and establish them against the several errors of popery; which letter was printed at Strasburgh, in August; but now being almost quite lost, and having very many good things in it, I have preserved in the Catalogue. He spake of the good proficiency he supposed they had made in the knowledge of true religion, "Considering how truly and with what diligence they had been formerly taught; and, therefore, that he needed not to make a long and large treatise, to arm them against all the assaults of false prophets, that were at that present come among them, but only to name and confute some of the greatest evils which were then poured forth out of the pulpits; and therewith he put them in mind of the truth. And this he was moved to do, having been some time their pastor, and to testify, that some piece of his pastoral cure did yet rest in his heart towards them, the violence of the time not suffering him to come as he would do unto them, and by talk and brotherly conferring to put them in mind of the gospel of Jesus Christ which he once preached among them." Then he proceeded to shew them the error of transubstantiation, the sacrifice of the mass, justification by works, works of supererogation, intercession of saints, praying for the dead, auricular

confession, innovations, traditions; and concluded with this counsel: "Abide in the truth; keep your selves undefiled; offer your selves humbly to suffer all violence of bloody laws for truth's sake; keep safe your consciences, though the sword taketh your lives from you: suffer and bear with all humbleness and quiet obedience; humble your selves in unfeigned repentance before the Lord in the horrible plague of popery, that of his mercy he may be moved to end these days of delusion; and let your prayers always ascend up before the Lord, begging of him such things as ye need." 1554.

Another dean in exile, namely, Dr. William Turner, late Dean of Wells, a doctor of physic, but a divine also, now wrote a new book of "Spiritual Physic," as he intituled it, "for divers Diseases of the Nobility and Gentry of England;" and this he dedicated to the Dukes of Norfolk and Suffolk, the Earls of Arundel, Darby, Shrewsbury, Huntingdon, Cumberland, Pembroke, Warwick. Imprinted at Rome by the Vatican church, against Marcus Antonius Constantius, otherwise called Thraso, or Gloriosus Papæ Miles. He was a humorsome man; and to that this manner of writing must be imputed. Near the beginning of his book he hath these words, whereby may be known in part what he was: "When of late years I practised bodily physic in England, in my Lord of Somerset's house, divers sick beggers came unto me, and not knowing that I was a physican, asked of me mine almose; to whom I offered to heal their diseases, for God's sake. But they went by and by away from me, and would none of that; for they had much liever be sick stil with ease and idleness, than to be whole, and with great pains and labour to earn honestly their living." In this book the doctor glanceth at a certain man raised in this reign, whom, though he nameth not, the words he useth do easily discover; where, speaking of the clergy advanced under Queen Mary, he saith, "Others are come, as I hear say, to be counsellors, even in tem-

Turner.  
His book  
of Spiritual  
Physic.

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A charac-  
ter of a  
certain  
churchman



1554. poral matters, in great number: and one is now clom up so high, that besides that he is a knight of the garter (bishops of Winchester are prelates of the garter) and a great lord, is also the high chancellor of England, and president of the council, and is above all the lords, both temporal and spiritual, of the whole council; and so lordly behaveth himself, that, without the knowledge of the rest of the council, he sendeth forth commissions, as he did of late to Wells, by Dr. Edgeworth, and offereth pardon alone, as he did to Mr. Latymer; as though he were either King of England, or else had the queen and all the council's heads under his girdle." A character true enough of Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester.

Knox.  
His Faith-  
ful Admo-  
nition.

Knox, who was retired first to Geneva, within a short space departed to Frankford, upon the receipt of a letter sent from the English congregation there, Sept. 24, 1554, declaring, that they had chosen him for their pastor; and here he wrote his "Faithful Admonition to England." Therein he spake of himself, and what he was at first, and made some reflections upon the days of the gospel under King Edward; undertook to shew why God took the gospel away, and prayed against these Marian days, that they might be short, and foretold deliverance. "To be plain (said he) my own conscience beareth record to my self, how small soever my learning, and how weak soever of judgment, when Jesus Christ called me to be his steward; and how mightily, day by day, and time by time, he multiplyed his graces with me, if I should concele, I were most wicked and unthankful.—There were some complaints in those days (of King Edward) that the preachers were indiscreet persons; yea, and some called them railers, and worse, because they spake against the manifest iniquity of men, and especially of those that then were placed in authority, as well in the court as in other offices, universally throughout the realm, both in cities, towns, and villages; and, among others, peradventure, my rude plainness displeased some, who

did complain that rashly I did speak of men's faults, so that all might know and perceive of whom I meant. But, alas! this day my conscience accuseth me, that I spake not so plainly as my duty was to have done. For I ought to have said to the wicked man, expressly by his name, thou shalt die the death. The blind love that I did bear to this my wicked carcass, was the chief cause that I was not fervent and faithful enough in that behalf. For I had no will to provoke the hatred of all men against me; and therefore so touched I the vices of men in the presence of the greatest, that they might see themselves to be offenders. I dare not say that I was the greatest flatterer, but yet nevertheless I would not be seen to proclaim manifest war against the manifest wicked; whereof, unfeignedly, I ask my God pardon." As to his sense why God deprived the nation of the gospel, thus he spake: "This I do let you to understand, that the taking away of the heavenly bread, and this great tempest that now bloweth against the poor disciples of Christ within the realm of England, as touching our part, cometh from the great mercy of our Heavenly Father, to provoke us to unfeigned repentance, for that neither preacher nor professor did rightly consider the time of our merciful visitation; but altogether so we spent the time, as though God's word had been preached rather to satisfy our fantasies, than to reform our evil manners. Which thing if we earnestly repent, then shall Jesus Christ appear to our comfort, be the storm never so great. Haste, O Lord, for thy name's sake."

And concerning the duration of the present hard and persecuting times in England, thus did this man pray and foretel: "And herein standeth my singular comfort this day, when I hear that these bloody tyrants within the realm of England do still kill, murder, destroy, and devour men and women, as ravenous lions now loosed from bonds; I lift up therefore the eyes of my heart, as my iniquity and present dolour will suffer, and to my Heavenly Fa-

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1554. ther will I say, Oh! those cruel tyrants are loosed by thy hand, to punish our former ingratitude, whom we trust thou wilt not suffer to prevail for ever. But, when thou hast corrected us a little, and hast declared unto the world the tyranny that lurketh in their boldened breasts, then wilt thou break their jaw-bones, and wilt shut them up in their caves again; that the generation and posterity following may praise thine holy name before thy congregation, *Amen*. When I feel any taste or motion of these promises, then think I myself most happy, and that I received a just compensation, albeit I and all that to me in earth belongeth, should suffer the present death; knowing that God shall yet shew mercy to his afflicted church within England; and that he shall repress the pride of these present tyrants, like as he hath done of those before our days.—He is full of pity and compassion, and doth consider all our travail, anguish and labours; wherefore, it is not to be doubted, but that he will suddenly appear to our great comfort. The tyrants of this world cannot keep back his coming, more than might the blustering winds and raging seas lett Christ to come to his disciples, when they looked for nothing but for present death.” And again, “God brought not his people into Egypt, and from thence through the Red Sea, to the intent they should therein perish, but that he of them should shew a most glorious deliverance. Neither sent Christ his apostles in the midst of the sea, and suffered the boisterous storms to assault them and their boat, to the intent they should there perish; but because he would the more have his great goodness towards them felt and perceived, in so mightily delivering them out of the fear of perishing; giving us thereby an example, that he would do the like to us, if we abide constant in our profession and faith; withdrawing ourselves from superstition and idolatry.—Trouble is come; O dear brethren, look for the comfort; and, after the example of the apostles, abide in resisting this vehement storm a little space. The
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third watch is not yet ended. Remember that Christ Jesus came not to his disciples till it was the fourth watch, and they were then in no less danger than you be now. But their faith fainted not; their bodies were in danger, but Christ Jesus came when they looked not for him. And so shall he do to you, if ye will continue in the profession that you have made. This dare I be bold to promise, in the name of Him, whose eternal verity and glorious gospel ye have heard and received. 1554.

There came forth likewise about this time a little pious book, intituled, "An Exhortation to the Cross." It was writ by way of epistle, for the use of those that were professors of the gospel, and either suffered persecution, or were in daily danger of it. The author's name is not set to it; but it appears that he was a preacher under King Edward, and then an exile (I believe him to be Coverdale); for thus he writes: "How many now go with you lustily, as I and all your brethren in bands and exile for the gospel? Pray for us; for, God willing, we will not leave you. We will go before you. You shall see in us that we preached no lyes, nor tales of tubs, but even the true word of God; for which we, by God's grace, and help of your prayers, will willingly and joyfully give our blood to be shed for the confirmation of the same, as already we have given liberally our goods, livings, friends, and natural country." Coverdale. An Exhortation to the Cross.

The book is very well penned, and with much life quickening and comforting the professors to steadiness in their holy course, notwithstanding persecution. "Therefore, as he writ, like God's children, let us go on forward apace; the wind is on our back. Hoise up the sails: lift up your hearts and hands unto God in prayer; and keep your anchor of faith to cast in time on the rock of God's word, and on his mercy in Christ, and I warrant you." The book consisted of these chapters (after a preface to the Christian reader): I. What we be, and where we be. II. Persecution must not be strange unto us.

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III. Trouble cannot hurt God's children. IV. The cross is commodious and profitable. V. How papists hold their four special articles, which they so grievously persecute for. VI. How God's word teacheth of the supper, with confutation of transubstantiation. VII. How God's word teacheth of Christ's sacrifice, with the Romish blasphemy therein reproved. VIII. Of praying for the dead, the true doctrine. IX. Of praying to saints. X. The Romish doctrine of the sacrament confuted more largely. XI. The popish doctrine of the sacrifice in massing confuted. XII. The confutation of the papists sacrificing and praying for the dead. XIII. The refutation of the heresy of praying to saints departed out of this world. XIV. The knitting of the matter, and conclusion, or peroration; with a prayer for the help of God in this time of danger, and divers temptations.

The Hope  
of the  
Faithful.  
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To this was joined another little book of the same volume, intituled, "The Hope of the Faithful," and, as it seems, of the same author. The contents of this book were according as they are set down in the first chapter, thus beginning: "Considering that by the evangelists and by all the apostles, there is nothing written more diligently than touching the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, my purpose is somewhat more largely to talk of the same, and of the glorious ascension of his body into heaven: *Item*, Of the resurrection and ascension of our own bodies; of the damnation of unbelievers, and of the hope and eternal life of the blessed." Which subjects are indeed, in this book, discoursed of closely and well; first by apt places in scripture, and then by arguments; without any reflection on the popish religion. And I verily think the work to be Coverdale's.

He had been a prisoner in the beginning of this queen, and very hardly escaped. The means whereby he procured his liberty was thus: he was brother-in-law to one Dr. John Macchabæus, chaplain to Christiern, King of Denmark, they marrying two

sisters; Macchabæus prevailed with his king to send two or three letters to Queen Mary, for the deliverance of Coverdale out of prison, and to send him over thither. One of these letters bore date 25th April, 1554. In this letter, it seems to appear, that Coverdale was imprisoned upon suspicion of being concerned in the late insurrection. But, in the answer of the queen to this letter, she laid not that to his charge, but a pretence that he was in debt to her concerning his bishoprick. But the first-fruits were forgiven him by King Edward; it must be therefore for his tenths. And, in the King of Denmark's second letter, it appeared that Coverdale made this plea for himself as to that, that he had not enjoyed the bishoprick long enough, to be able, out of the profits thereof, to pay the queen. The king's second letter was dated September 24, 1554. And the queen's grant of his request was not before Feb. 18, 1555, which is, reckoning the year to begin January 1, near a twelvemonth after the king's first solicitation for this reverend man; so loath was she to let him go out of her hands. As soon as he had his liberty, he repaired to the said king.

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Many other good and pious men penned suitable discourses and treatises, and printed them at this time, and had such as conveyed them into England; which did much good service to the religion. Insomuch that the state soon took notice of it, and by acts and proclamations forbade those books severely.

Many good  
tracts com-  
posed.

Some of these exiles had been caught before they could pass over the seas and escape; and, having not courage and strength enough, were fain to recant. The chief of these were Jewel, Barlow, and Scory; the two last being bishops. The said Barlow, Bishop of Bath and Wells, was, by Gardiner and other papists, forced not only barely to recant, but to compose a book of recantation; which he did, for fear of his life. And afterwards, when he fled, Gardiner, or some other, published his book, to be read by all. Dr. Turner took occasion hence to rub Gardiner up

Some pro-  
testants re-  
cant.

Bp. Barlow  
recants.



1554. for his book *De Vera Obedientia*: which he would not set forth in English, as Turner said he wished; and gave the reason, because he looked upon it as a matter he owned not. His words are these: "If that Mr. Gardiner allow his doctrine still of King Henry's marriage, let him set forth the same doctrine in English at large, because the common people may learn some wholesome doctrine of it; even as he, or at least some of his, have handled Mr. Barlow, which wrote a naughty and a false lying book, compelled for fear to do so. But if he will not set out his book in English, both because he knoweth in his conscience that it is a false book, and an heretical book; because he was compelled by fear to write against the open truth, he, or at the least one of his popish 'prentices, is very uncharitable and unjust unto Mr. Barlow, which handleth him otherwise than he would or will be handled himself; that is, to publish his book which he wrote for fear."

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Physic.

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His recan-  
tation.  
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The recantation of this man was as followeth, as I transcribed it out of the original, prescribed, as it seems for him: "Praise be to God, who out of his infinite goodness, and mercy inestimable, hath brought me out of darkness into light; and from deadly ignorance unto the quick knowledge of troth. From the which, through the fend's instigation and false persuasion, I have greatly swerved, wrapping myself in manifold errors and detestable heresies, against the doctrine of Christ and determination of holy church: insomuch, that I have made certain books, and have suffered them to be imprinted: as, The Treatise of the Burial of the Mass; a Dialogue between the Gentleman and the Husbandman; The climbing up of Friars and religious Persons, pourtrayed with figures; A Description of God's Word compared to the light; Also a common Dialogue without any title, inveighing especially against St. Thomas of Canterbury, which as yet was never printed nor published openly. In these treatises, I perceive and acknowledge my self grievously to have erred, name-

His books.

ly, against the bl. sacrament of the altar, disallowing the mass, and denying purgatory, with slanderous infamy of the pope and my lord cardinal, and outrageous raving against the clergy, which I have forsaken and utterly renounced.

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“ Wherefore, I being lately informed of your highness endued with so excellent learning and singular judgment of the troth, which endeavoured not only to chase away and extirpe al heresies, but also to se a reformation of slanderous living, for the restraint of vice in al estates, to the furtherance and avauncement of God’s word ; also, considering the piteous favour void of rigour, and mercy abhorring cruelty, which your highness hath used towards others of your subjects fallen into such like heresies, and have submitted themselves humbly unto your grace, I have made suite, by al means possible, freely, without motion of any man, to come and present my self before your highness, for to submit my self unto your merciful plesure, beseeching your gracious pardon ; also, as far forth as I have knowledge, in all things to ascertain your grace unfeignedly, whatsoever your highness shall vouchsafe to demaund of me, your unworthy subject and orator,

WILLIAM BARLO.”

This seems to have been Barlo’s first address to the queen, offering and praying to be received to a recantation, rather than the recantation itself : whereby we may gather, how dear it cost him, as well as others, to get his liberty and life ; namely, that he was not only to make a recantation, and a profession of being reconciled to the papal church, but to confess all the books that he ever made against that church, and to renounce and revoke them ; and also to be had under examination, and be a betrayer of all other faithful professors of religion, and to discover any other thing to the disservice of it. There was a book printed in 8vo. anno 1553, in London, of this

1554. bishop's writing, intituled, " The true Original of the  
p. 154. Lutheran Faction ;" which seems to be the book before spoken of.

Some will  
not join  
with the  
congrega-  
tions  
abroad ;

Sufficient account hath been given elsewhere of the exiles for the gospel, and of their several congregations ; which, together with what hath been now writ of them, shall suffice, taking in only this that follows ; viz. that there was another sort of exiles, that yet would not appear to be so ; joining themselves to no religious assembly of English in any place, but passed through the towns where the English had settled themselves, as travellers, that they might not be reported in England as associating with these professors, for their better safety, if they should return into England, choosing thus to conceal themselves ; therefore they would not so much as take notice of their countrymen in exile, though they came into the towns where they were, but made short tarriance, and rid through them. And others chose to go into popish cities in France or Italy, that they might be the less suspected to have gone out of England for religion.

Reproved.  
Chr. Good-  
man.

To these a writer in those times, and an exile, gave this reprimand : " Some dwelling in papistical places, among the enemies of God, in the midst of impiety in France, as in Paris, Orleans, and Roan ; and some in Italy, as in Venice and Padua ; which persons, in fleeing from their queen, run to the pope ; fearing the danger of their body, seek where they may poison their souls : thinking by this means to be less suspected of Jezebel ; shewing themselves afraid and ashamed of the gospel, which in time past they have stoutly professed ; and lest they should be thought favourers of Christ, have purposely ridden by the churches and congregations of his servants their brethren, neither minded to comfort others there, nor to be comforted themselves. Wherein they have shewed this coldness of their zeal towards religion, and given no small occasion of slander to the word of God, which they seemed to profess ; for, being returned again to their



country, they either became idolaters with the papists, to please the queen and keep their possessions, or else dissemblers, with the rest of counterfeit Christians." 1554.

## CHAP. XIX.

A third parliament. Things done there, and in convocation. Cardinal Pole comes in quality of the pope's legate. Bishop Gardiner, lord chancellor, preaches at Paul's Cross. King Philip appointed governor of the royal issue. Friars in Ireland petition the cardinal.

**H**ITHERTO the affairs relating to the settlement of the popish religion were not fully dispatched, much more remaining still to be done. And the queen, wanting fit parliament-men for her purpose, sent her private letters to all the sheriffs to deal with the people for electing such representatives as might do her work; and that the commons might be the better drawn to it, they were to assure the people, that it was not the queen's intention to take away any man's possessions, many of which came to them by the dissolution of monasteries, or from the church; and to labour to free the people from believing other rumours then spread abroad. The queen's letter ran thus :

Labour used to get fit parliament-men. p. 155.

## BY THE QUEENE.

" Trusty and welbeloved, We grete you wel : and where, among other matters, for the commodity and prosperity of our realm, we intend principally the restitution of God's honour and glory, whom we acknowledge our chief author and helper, as well in bringing us to the right of our estate, as also in this most noble mariage which we have now atchieved and perfected, much to our satisfaction and contentation, and, as we trust, of the rest of the good catholic people within our realms : These shall be to wil and command you, that, for withstanding such malice as the devil worketh by his ministers, for the

The queen to the sheriffs, to chosse such as were of the catholick sort. MSS. Ecc.

1554. maintenance of heresies and seditions, ye now, on our behalf, admonish such our good loving subjects, as by order of our writs should, within that county, choose knights, citizens, and burgesses, to repair from thence to this our parliament, to be of their inhabitants, as the old laws require, and of the wise, grave, and catholic sort, such as, indeed, mean the true honour of God, with the prosperity of the commonwealth; the advancement wherof, we and our dear husband the king, do chiefly profess and intend, without alteration of any particular man's possessions, as among other false rumours is spread abroad to hinder our godly purpose; but such as would have their heresies returne, and the realm, by the just wrath of God, be brought to confusion. From which we have seen the same mervailously delivered, and mind, by God's help, and the advice of our counsellors and estates of this our parliament, to uphold and continue: requiring you, with the rest of the justices of that county, to whom you shal also shew and declare these our letters, that spreaders of rumours and tales may be, by their diligence, speedily apprehended, and, according to the law of our realm, sharply punished, according to the trust we have in them, and as they wil answer for the due punishment of their slackness, and remiss dealing in this behalf. Yeven," &c.

The effect  
of this letter  
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Par. II.  
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The effect of this letter we may understand by what the Bishop of Sarum, in his History, relates from Beal, clerk of Queen Elizabeth's council, viz. "That men in many places were chosen by force and threats; and in other places were others employed by the court in the elections, who did violently hinder the other from coming to choice; and that some that were chosen, and came into the house, were forcibly thrust out. And in many places false returnes were made." Upon which reasons he concluded it no parliament.

The queen  
leaves out  
of her writs

To which I add, that it was observed, that the queen (contrary to what she had done before) called

this parliament by her writs, without the addition and style of "Supreme Head in Earth of the Church of England," &c. which made many scruple, whether it were a lawful parliament or no; because there had been a special statute, and of the greatest importance, made on purpose under King Henry her father, to declare, that the Bishop of Rome had no authority in this realm; and chiefly upon this cause, as was alleged, in a parliament under Queen Elizabeth, an. 13 reginæ; for that King Henry, seeing his daughter Mary's stubbornness and malice to his doings, and her fond devotion to the pope, meant, that if she should at any time come to that place, she should not, if she would, undo that he had done.

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her title of  
Supreme  
Head.

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Cardinal Pole, that had been attainted of treason under King Henry, and a long time an exile for the pope, was now coming hither in quality of the pope's legate, being shortly to be very busy in putting the things of the church into their old superstitious posture again. The brief import of the letters given the cardinal by Pope Julius III. constituting him his legate *de latere* to the king and queen, and the whole kingdom of England, was, to reconcile the kingdom (which then a great while had been separated from the unity of the catholick church) to God and the church of Christ, and to his vicar upon earth; and to procure, by all possible pains that he could take, all that belonged to the peace and tranquillity of this kingdom, after, by God's goodness and their majesties' piety, and by the authority of the most holy father the pope, a reconciliation was made; and that the unity of the church, upon which depended the salvation of so many souls, redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, might by him be corroborated and remain in safety.

Cardinal  
Pole comes  
legate *de  
latere* into  
England.

But against his coming, care had been taken to provide him an honourable maintenance for his household, suitable to his eminent quality. In order to which his steward, or some other of his officers, laid before the queen a particular of every thing that

Provision  
made for  
the cardinal's house-  
hold.



1354. should be requisite for his necessary expences, both for his travel and first entrance, and for his family provisions, wages of servants, clothes, &c. It was certified for this purpose, that with all his revenue and papal provision, he could not expend monthly less than 1000 crowns; that he entertained 130 in family, besides thirty more abroad; that the said 1000 crowns would but suffice for food for his said servants. Besides, that there would be the charge of the equipage of forty horses and mules for his eminence's ordinary attendance; the ordinary wages of his old family, which came monthly to 75 crowns: to which would be added 25 crowns more, for the wages and livery of his new. His own apparel would cost yearly 500 crowns, and as much more for the livery and clothes of his chamberlains, chaplains, and officers. And that there would be immediate need of 2000 crowns for the renewing of his plate, and for the supply of his chapel, his table, and his larder; and for utensils of brass, iron, pewter, &c. 300 crowns. For linen and napery, for the tables and chambers, 600 crowns more, and a great deal besides. This extraordinary charge the enjoyment of the cardinal's presence would cost the queen: and well it might be borne, seeing he was to bring such mighty blessings along with him. For the scheme of all these expences, ordinary and extraordinary, as they were drawn up for the queen's information, it may be seen at length in the Catalogue.

No. XIX.

Conducted  
home by  
the Lord  
Paget and  
others.

So on the 6th of November, the Lord Paget and Sir Edward Hastings, accompanied by Sir William Cecyl, late secretary of state, and other gentlemen, were dispatched by the queen to the emperor's court, where the cardinal had for some time been, to conduct him into England. They came to Bruxelles on the 11th day, and returned home with the cardinal unto Westminster the 24th.

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A congra-  
tulatory  
oration  
printed.

And to make the cardinal's return look the greater, a certain oration was now printed by Cawode, the queen's printer, "Pro Instauratione Reip. Anglorum,

próque Reditu Reverendiss. ac Illustriss. Domini 1551.  
Reginaldi Poli; Autore Jodoco Harchio Montensi :”  
beginning, “ Etsi, P. C. mea in dicendo infantia,” &c.  
An account of this oration is set down at large in the  
Catalogue.

No. XX.

The new king and queen, alike minded for the  
reinstating of the pope and his religion in this land,  
patronized the cardinal and his errand: therefore,  
before he arrived, they prepared for him; and on  
the 10th of November, in the 1st and 2d of their  
reigns, issued out letters patents for the complete  
exercising of his legatine jurisdiction, and for the  
subjects’ application to him for his *faculties*, as they  
might have done in the 20th of Henry VIII. And  
thus the said letters ran :

Royal li-  
cence  
granted to  
Cardinal  
Pole to use  
his legatine  
power.

“ PHILIP and MARY, &c. Wheras it hath pleased  
our most holy father the pope, JULIUS III, to send  
unto us, and this our realm, and the dominions of  
the same, the most reverend father in God, and our  
most trusty and dearest cousin REYNOLD, Cardinal  
Pole, his legate *de latere*, with certain authorities  
of jurisdiction, graces, faculties and dispensations, to  
be ministred, exercised and graunted by authority of  
our said holy father; WE calling to our remembrance,  
and understanding the good purpose and intent of  
our said cousin his most honourable legation, and  
that the same is most beneficial, and for the spiritual  
solace and consolation of us, and our said subjects,  
whose good order, and right walking in the law of  
God, and our holy mother church, we much desire;  
and, therefore, are most glad of the access and repair  
of our said most dear cousin unto us, and this our  
realm, with the said authority of jurisdiction from  
our said holy father: and for the better declaration  
therof, WE do, by these our letters patents, signify  
unto all our loving subjects, as well spiritual as tempo-  
ral, that we are pleased and contented, that they shal  
make suits and requests to our said dearest cousin  
and his officers and ministers, to obtain such graces,

The letters  
patents.  
Regist.  
Car. Poli.

1554. faculties and dispensations, as they shall have need of: and the same so obtained, to use and put in execution, according to the nature and quality therof, and according as they might have don the twentieth year of our most dear father of famous memory, HENRY VIII.

“ Wherefore, we wil and command al and singular our loving subjects, to receive, honour and obey the said authority, in such cases of spiritual jurisdiction for reformation of their souls, as in the time of the said twentieth year of the reign of our said father K. Henry VIII. was, or with his consent might have been, used and executed in this realm, &c. Dated 10th November, in the first and second years of our reign.”

The effect of the cardinal's mission. John Fox his sermon at Paul's Cross on Good-Friday, an. 1578.

I choose to give the account of the cardinal's mission and entrance into England, and his business, and the effect of it, in the words, and with the descant of one who lived in those times, in a Paul's Cross sermon. “ About the beginning of Queen Mary's reign, anno 1554, there was a message sent, not from heaven, but from Rome; not from God, but from the pope; not by an apostle, but by a certain cardinal, who was called Cardinal Pool, *legat a latere, legatus natus*, sent from the pope's own white side hither into England. This cardinal legate first coming to Dover, was honourably received, and brought to Greenwich; where he again being more honourably received by lords of high estate, and of the privy council, was conducted from thence to the privy stairs of the queen's court at Westminster, no less person than King Philip himself waiting upon him and receiving him: and so was brought to the queen's great chamber, she then being, or pretending not to be well at ease. Steven Gardiner, the Bishop of Winchester, and Lord Chancellor of England, receiving this noble legate in the king and queen's behalf, to recommend and set forth the authority of this legate, the greatness of his message, and the

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supreme majesty of the sender, before the public audience of the whole parliament at that time assembled, there openly protested with great solemnity of words, what a mighty message, and of what great importance, was then brought into the realm: even the greatest message (said he) that ever came into England; and, therefore, desired them to give attentive and inclinable ears to such a famous legation, sent from so high authority. Well, and what message was this? Forsooth, that the realm of England should be reconciled again unto their father, the pope. That is to say, the queen, with all her nobility, and sage council, with so many learned prelates, discrete lawyers, worthy commons, and the whole body of the realm of England, should captive themselves, and become underlings to an Italian stranger, and friarly priest sitting at Rome; which never knew England, never was here; never did, nor never shall do England good. And this, forsooth, said Gardiner, was the greatest ambassage, the weightiest legacy, that ever came to England: forgetting, belike, either the message sent here by the apostles to us, or else, because he saw it made not so much to his purpose as did the other, he made the less account thereof. Well then, and well we see, what a weighty message this was which Gardiner so exquisitely commended. First, the sender is gone, the messenger is gone, the queen is gone, and the message gone; and yet England standeth not a rush the better. Of which message I thus say, answering again to Gardiner, *per inversionem rhetoricam*, that as he saith, it was the greatest, so I say again, it was the lightest legacy, the most ridiculous trifle, and most miserable message of all other that ever came, or ever shall come into England, none excepted; for us to be reconciled to an outlandish priest, to submit our necks under a foreign yoke. What have we to do more with him than with the great Calipha at Damascus? If re-

1554. conciliation ought to follow, what offences have risen? The pope hath offended us more than his coffers are able to make us amends: we never offended him. But let the pope with his reconciliation and legates go, as they are already gon, God be thanked." And this was the real sense of a great many (if not the most) in those times, when these things were transacting, though they dared not then so plainly express it. But proceed we.

The parliament sits.

Now then came another parliament together in Nov. 10th, or, according to Rastal, the 11th, or Stow the 12th. At which a great deal of weighty work was to be done. The cardinal was to be received by the realm in much state and reverence, and he to reconcile it to the pope. In this parliament was a remarkable act made, repealing all King Henry's statutes, articles, and provisions made against the see apostolick of Rome, since the 20th year of his reign. This affront offered by the queen to her father, was interpreted by some in those times, as having a further reach, namely, to have him reputed as an heretick, and so to take what followed, that is, burning. For thus did a reverend and eminent bishop in those days write: "The proceedings of that parliament, wherein all her father's doings in religion were condemned, seemed to confirm what Martin (in his book against priests' marriage) said, that all the heresies in King Edward's days proceeded from the queen's father. And if so, he was to be condemned with the rest of the protestants. Wherefore, it was to be thought, seeing Almighty God had suffered some of them to suffer martyrdom by fire, by bloody persecution, and the tyranny of the pope's laws, and torments for professing the truth of God's word, that now the body of that noble prince, the queen's father, because he was the beginner of all this, and the continuer of it 25 years, as the proceeding of that parliament seemed to pronounce, should be taken up at Windsor, and burnt as Wick-

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An act of  
repeal of  
King Henry's  
statutes, relating  
to the  
pope.

Ponet  
against  
Martin.

liff's was." This writing of this author, no question, 1554.  
 proceeded from some strong hints he had heard of  
 such a design among the papists.

Another branch of this act was, for the establish-  
 ment of all spiritual and ecclesiastical possessions and Church  
 hereditaments, that had been conveyed to the laity. lands alie-  
 From the fears in the people's minds, that if these nated, con-  
 church-lands should be required to revert again to firmed to  
 the religious houses, to the bishops, to the chan- the present  
 tries, &c. might happen a great confusion, and possors.  
 imminent danger might accrue to the new-settled popish  
 religion; therefore it was enacted, that the said lands  
 should be confirmed to the present possessors: a  
 formal address having been made from the bishops  
 and clergy of the province of Canterbury, assembled  
 in convocation, unto King Philip and Queen Mary,  
 that they would make intercession to Pole the pope's  
 legate, to dispense in this matter; which he, by his  
 plenary power legatine, graciously did. The address  
 of the said convocation (wherein, by the way, it may  
 be observed, that they in whose hands these church  
 lands came, are not called possessors, but *detainers*)  
 and the dispensation of the said legate may be found  
 exemplified in the Catalogue, taken out of the act  
 itself. No. XXI,  
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But because this matter was performed with so much  
 formality, and this dispensation of the legate The convo-  
 was one of his chief negotiations, and the address of cation ad-  
 the convocation contained some other things besides dress about  
 that which concerned ecclesiastical goods, I shall at church re-  
 large set down this affair. venues  
 alienated;

In the synod this session of parliament, among  
 other things that were done, this was one (and done  
 out of good policy to keep the people quiet, and to  
 make them the more patient to receive popery again)  
 namely, to address to the king and queen, that they  
 would intercede with the legate, that according to the  
 faculties to him granted by Pope Julius III. the  
*detainers*, as they styled the possessors of church  
 goods, might have the favour to have the same



1554. granted and released to them: though they, of the clergy, who moved for this, were the defenders and overseers of the church's goods, jurisdiction and rights, lost in the late pernicious schism of the kingdom, which they ought therefore, with all their care and power, to recover and restore by the remedies of law. But they had maturely considered and debated thereupon, and did think, that the recovery thereof was difficult, and, in effect, impossible; and that by reason of the manifold and inextricable contracts and dispositions made of them, if it should be attempted, the quiet and tranquillity of the kingdom, and the unity of the catholick church now newly restored, would be endangered. And, therefore, they preferred the publick good before their private, peace and tranquillity before discords and disturbances, and the salvation of souls before earthly goods.

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And for the restitution of the church's jurisdiction.

They did also, in the same address, supplicate their majesties, that the matters pertaining to their jurisdiction and ecclesiastical liberty, without which they could not exercise their pastoral office and cure of souls, taken away from them by the injury of the late times, might be restored to them, and that all the laws that deprived them of their said jurisdiction and liberty might be abrogated; assuredly hoping, their majesties would never be wanting to the necessities and commodities of the church, especially of those that had the cure of souls, but, as occasion served, would consult and provide for them.

The parliament petition to the same import.

As the convocation had thus addressed, so the parliament petitioned the king and queen, shewing, how by the late pernicious schism, some bishopricks had been divided, and out of these some inferior churches were erected into cathedrals, and schools and hospitals founded, and many dispensations and provisions of benefices made; and how that many persons, who were persuaded that the law canonical had no longer place in this realm, had contracted marriage within the degrees of consanguinity and affinity, prohibited by law; and that many judiciary

acts and processes were had and kept upon spiritual and ecclesiastical matters, before judges that proceeded by a lay authority, and sentences given upon them; and that ecclesiastical goods were occupied and taken by divers persons; which, although by the appointment of the holy canons it might be declared null and void, yet if these goods should be put into another state than that in which they were, the publick peace and quiet might be disturbed, and a great confusion arise, especially if the possessors of the said goods were molested: therefore, they humbly prayed their majesties to intercede with the legate to provide by the apostolical benignity, for the confirmation and establishment of the foresaid matters, and so, together with that, for the quiet and tranquillity of the kingdom. 1554.

At the motion of the said address and petition, their majesties did accordingly intercede with the legate; exhibiting to him a bill of intercession, with other supplications. The king and queen intercede with the legate.

Whereupon the legate (by whose device, I suppose, this affair was contrived in this method) granted and indulged all these favours following: I. Absolving all, to whom the underwritten should come, from sentence of excommunication, suspension and interdict, or any other ecclesiastical censures, that had been, upon any occasion or cause, inflicted. II. Dispensing, that all and singular erections of cathedral churches, founding of hospitals and schools in the time of schism, however the said erections and foundations were null before, should remain ever firm in the same state as before; adding to them the strength of apostolical firmness, on condition the said works should be esteemed, not to be done by the former authority, but by this which the lord legate now had granted them. III. Dispensing with all and singular persons that had contracted matrimony, knowingly or ignorantly, in any degree of consanguinity and affinity, or in other impediments, wherein the pope had accustomed to dispense: that notwithstanding any of The legate's dispensation. p. 161.

1554. these impediments, they might remain lawfully in the same matrimony so contracted, or contract anew: and decreeing the issue to be lawful: yet so, that whosoever had knowingly and maliciously contracted, should obtain absolution from the sentence of excommunication, or from the guilt of incest, by his ordinary, or the curate, to whom a faculty was granted for that purpose. IV. And all ecclesiastical persons, secular or regular, who had obtained any grants, dispensations, concessions, indulgences, as well orders, as ecclesiastical benefices, or other spiritual things, by the pretended authority of the supremacy (such being come to a sound mind, and restored to the unity of the church) receiving and dispensing with them in their orders and benefices, as many had already received. V. Confirming all processes in any instances before any judges, as well ordinary as delegate, though laics, had and framed upon spiritual matters, and the sentences given upon them, though null, arising only by defect of jurisdiction. VI. Remitting and relaxing to all persons, to those whose hands ecclesiastical goods have come, all the fruits and profits from the same taken, however unduly. Willing and decreeing, that the possessors of the said goods, moveable and immoveable, might not, either now or hereafter, be molested and disturbed for the same, either by virtue of the disposition of general councils or provincial, or by decretal epistles of popes, or by any other ecclesiastical censure; nor that any censures or punishments be inflicted on them for the detaining, or not restoring thereof.

Yet since the division of bishopricks, and the erection of cathedral churches were of the greater causes, which were reserved for the pope himself, the legate admonished those it concerned, to have recourse to his holiness, and humbly to petition him to confirm these, and to do all anew. He also admonished those that he had relaxed, for the goods of the church which they possessed, that they should have before their eyes the severity of God's judgment against



Belshazzar; who turned the sacred vessels which his father, not he, had taken from God's temple, to profane uses; and to restore them to their proper churches: exhorting them, moreover, that, not being unmindful of their salvation, they would at least take care of this, that a maintenance out of ecclesiastick goods might be provided for ministers, and other cathedral and inferior churches, exercising the cure of souls; that pastors, parsons and vicars might be conveniently and honestly sustained, according to their states and qualities, and laudably exercise their cures, and support the burthens incumbent on them. This dispensation was dated from Lambeth, the 24th of December. 1554.

The truth is, the bottom of all this indulgence was, Fox, p. 1345. that by this grant of the pope, the parliament might give him an equivalent; that is, to restore him his supremacy and authority again in this church and realm: for in the very beginning of December, the parliament sent a post to Rome, acquainting the pope plainly, that neither the lords nor commons would grant any thing in his behalf, until he would confirm to them their purchases, and settle their sales of abbey lands and chantries. And this was the p. 162. bargain that was driven between them.

Sir William Petre, secretary of state, did not, it Sir William Petre's lands confirmed by a pope's bull. seems, think the aforesaid act of parliament strong enough to secure his lands that he had purchased and procured, formerly belonging to certain monasteries: but cautiously got them confirmed by Pope Paul IV. the next year, viz. 1555; whose bull he obtained. An exemplification whereof is in the third volume of the *Monasticon Anglicanum*, at the very end: wherein are mentioned all the several manors and lands bought by the said Petre; and the divers monasteries or bishopricks to which they had appertained; as, *Ging ad Petram*, or *Ging Abbatistæ*, or Ingatston, in Essex; being a member or parcel formerly of the monastery of the nuns of Barking, the yearly rent amounting to 46*l.*; which he bought of the king for

1554. 849/. Hawly Farm, or Hawly Barns; the manor of Crowdon, parcel of the church and bishoprick of London, together with the park there. The rest is too long to set down. All these lands, which, as the bull expressed, Petre was ready to assign and demise to spiritual uses, the pope, “pro potiori cautela specialiter et expressè approbat et confirmat,” as the words were. This matter will be taken notice of under the next year.

Private  
Acts.

The public acts of this parliament may be seen in our statute books; the private acts were,

An Act for the Restitution of Cardinal Pole.

An Act for repealing all Attaints had against Richard Pate and Peto.

An Act for the Confirmation of the Attainder of the late Duke of Suffolk.

Pate, Bi-  
shop of  
Wigorn.

This Pate had lived abroad many years, and had long been attainted under King Henry VIII. for taking the bishoprick of Worcester from the pope. He had holden a secret correspondence with the pope, and was excepted out of the last general pardon under King Edward VI. But now his attaint was taken off, and he restored to his see of Worcester, long since bestowed on him by the pope, but never enjoyed till now.

Peto.

Peto, whose Christian name is sometimes called Peter, but more truly William, was a monk, and great stickler for Queen Katharine, Queen Mary's mother, and so in King Henry's reign was glad to flee. The pope nominated him for the bishoprick of Salisbury, upon the death of Capon, but he refused it, because of age.

Cardinal  
Pole.

Cardinal Pole had been also long attainted under King Henry, for his treason to his king and country; but now coming with such a mighty character from the pope, to reconcile the nation, he was first to be restored; though surely he was as great and as ungrateful a traitor as any that king had, for undertaking an embassy from the pope to excite the French king and emperor to turn their army from the Turk against

His trea-  
son.

King Henry, his own natural sovereign, and his own country. He wrote an oration to that purpose; which was afterwards printed by him in Latin; and about they ear 1547, or 1548, it was put into English by Fabian Withers, The book was intitled, *Defensio Unitatis Ecclesiasticæ*. How this cardinal came to be thought to be a favourer of protestant doctrine (as he sometimes was) we may learn from the said translator's Epistle before that book, wherein we are told, "That Renold Pole, an English cardinal, but not then of England, in the year 1536, being sent ambassador by that pope to the French king, to intreat a peace, was thought in that his embassy to go about nothing else than to stir up and sow dissension, malice and discord.—At what time he was in Germany, at Augusta, and there was lodged in the (Lutheran) pastor's house, he said, that he did very well allow and agree unto al their doctrin; and that he would declare no less, if there were any convocations or common councils holden. Now behold, as that writer proceeded, the great and double dissimulation of this holy hypocrite; who, albeit that before in his embassy, under the pretence of intreaty for peace, had gon about nothing else than to move and stir up discord and wars, even now again, at his return unto Rome, feared not to dissemble and cloak even with God himself: for, as before you have heard, he seemed not to be ignorant of the truth; yet, when he was come to Rome, whether he were suspected of Lutheranism, and to avoid the suspicion thereof, or no, or else, that he did it to gratify the pope, he wrote a book against King Henry VIII. King of England, intitled, *The Defence of the Unity of the Church*. In the which book, converting his stile unto the emperor, he included this most detestable, pestiferous, yea, and seditious oration against the King of England; unto whom he was not only most neerly adjoyned in affinity and kindred; but also, as himself confesseth, most greatly bounden for his education and literature." This is enough to shew how justly

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1554. this man was attainted : who now, nevertheless, had his attain taken off by parliament, and received into the kingdom as a person of very high merit, and that had deserved passing well of his country. Yet this act passed not without considerable opposition, as appears by an expostulatory oration offered to the parliament by one Harchius, of Mons, in Flanders, mentioned before, who seems to have been one of his retinue.

Bishop  
Gardiner  
preaches at  
Paul's,

After his great work of reconciling the kingdom was done most ceremoniously in the parliament, in December did another prelate, Bishop Gardiner, the great Lord Chancellor of England, ascend the pulpit at St. Paul's, and there made a sermon of the happy reconciliation of the kingdom, with many reflections on the years that were past, wherein King Henry and King Edward had shaken off the pope's heavy yoke ; which he made a very grievous crime. Take some account of this sermon from a book occasioned by the rebellion in the year 1569, under Queen Elizabeth, "intituled, ' A Warning against the dangerous Practices of Papists : ' remember, I pray you, saith the author, Gardiner's sermon at Paul's Cross, in Queen Mary's time, upon this text, ' Hora est jam ' nos è somno surgere :—It is now time for us to ' rise out of sleep.' There he shewed, how God dispensed each thing, and each success, in convenience of times. He declared what ways had been attempted for restitution of the pope's primacy in England. Wherein he divers ways falsely defamed King Henry with intents of submission (as though he had intended to submit himself and his realm to the pope again) such was the bishop's impudence. He named the rebellions in the North in King Henry's time, and in the West in King Edward's ; which he clothed with cleanly names, as, enterprizes and assemblies, as our late rebels do in both their first and second proclamations. But, saith he, the hour was not yet come. But, by the way of objection, wondered how the people could, without rebelling, bear such injuries, op-

pressions and robberies, which they sustained, as he said, in the fall of money, and otherwise, in King Edward's reign. He answered himself, that the hour was not yet come. But now, saith he, the time is come: now is the time for us to wake from sleep. As who should say, long have we slept, or long have we winked: long have we been holden in awe, glad to dissemble our treasons, and to seemle good subjects; long have we born our sovereign lord a fair face. As we acknowledged his due authority, and detested the enemy to him and to all kings, the pope: long have we cloaked and hidden our zeale, waiting for a good hour. Now the dreadful King Henry is dead, the hopeful King Edward is taken away, the Christian nobility entangled in snares of law, especially if it be partially and violently used: the prince and time favoureth our side: a mighty foreign match is made for the vantage of our part: now the sun of our victory, and the day of our triumph, shineth upon us; now it is time for us to wake from sleep. Though the times once were, specially in the Lord Crumwel's days, when we in shew abhorred the name of papist, and would commonly say, we had as lieve be called traitors as papists, and bring actions of the cause for our purgation; yet now is the time that we glory in these titles, either of papist in respect of *these* times, or of traitor in respect of *those* times. Let us not now leese our occasion, as we shall never have the like again: especially, for that so much of the nobility, snared with treason, are yielded to our devotion:" as the author of that book very sharply and sarcastically unfolds the bishop's meaning, by his text which he took, and his descants on it.

This was the first parliament under King Philip: and, to compliment him, they made him an humble suit, with the queen's assent, that in case she should die and leave issue, for the good and politic government, order and administration of the realm in the young years of the said issue, he would take upon him the rule, order, education, and government of the

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The parliament's address to King Philip.

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His answer

said issue. Whereupon King Philip declared, that he verily trusted that Almighty God, who had hitherto preserved the queen, to give this realm so good a hope of certain succession in the blood royal of this realm, would assist her highness with his grace and benediction to see the fruit of her body well brought forth, live and able to govern; whereof neither all the realm, nor all the world beside, should or could receive more comfort than he should or would. If yet such chance should happen, his majesty, at their humble desires, was pleased and contented, not alonely to accept to take upon him the care and charge of the education, rule and government of such issue, but during the time of such government, would, by all ways and means, study and employ himself to advance the weal, public and private, of this realm, according to the trust in his majesty reposed, with no less good-will and affection, than if his highness had been naturally born among them. Whereupon the parliament made an act to confirm the said government unto him; and made it treason for any hereafter, by any writing, as well as deed, to attempt so much as to deprive the king from the said rule and government. And thus sure and certain did the Spanish and popish party hope to make all.

A petition  
of the Irish  
friars for  
their monasteries.  
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The Friars Minors of the Observance in Ireland, not long after Cardinal Pole's coming into England, made their complaint to the queen and him, by the warden of Kilchullin, their messenger, of certain monasteries of their order in that kingdom, which were deprived of their revenues, and which were then devolved into the queen's possession, namely, these four, the monastery of Kilchullin, held by one Ustas; Inistorty, possessed by Butler, without any title; Truim, founded by King Henry VIII. and Queen Katharine, bought by the Bishop of Meath, and by him granted to certain officers of the said town for certain considerations; and Mounts Fernand, bought by Cusack: from all which houses suppressed (as it



was set forth) the poor friars, in the time of the late schism, being forced to depart, lived in mountains and woods, and endured hunger and cold; inso-much, that they were hindered from preaching God's word, and exercising the divine office. Therefore they did, by the abovesaid warden, their messenger, pray the queen and cardinal, that by their letters to their officers, and especially to the Deputy and Chancellor of Ireland, they might be commanded to restore wholly the said places, with all the goods pertaining to them, without any contradiction whatsoever. And whereas there were some monasteries already possessed and erected by the friars, the English captains and soldiers, especially such as came lately hither, to save their own purses, had made use of them for stabling for their horses; and specially the monastery of Cragfarissy: therefore, they sued that some remedy might be had in that matter. What effect this message had, I cannot tell; but the supplicatory letter may be read in the Catalogue.

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Many absent wholly from the parliament. Bonfires commanded. The king and queen ride through the city. Dr. Martin's book against priests' marriage. Standish, Procter, Bush, and Christopherson, bishops, set forth books.

**H**OWEVER the members of this parliament were handled by the court, to root up many good statutes, and to lay upon the nation the old Roman yoke again, and to receive the pope's authority into the realm; yet it went against the grain with a great many of them; who, seeing how things went, did at last, from the 12th of January, wholly absent from the house, and came no more there, to the number of thirty-nine persons; whereof the great lawyer Plowden was one. Their names were these that follow (which, for the memorableness of the matter, are set down and preserved to posterity by the Lord Coke.)

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men refuse  
to sit.Institut.  
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names.

Tho. Denton, of the coun-  
ty of Oxon.

Henry Cary.

Richard Ward.

Edm. Plowden de Tib-  
mersh, in com. Berks,  
Arm.

Henry Chiverton.

Rob. Brown.

John Coucke.

John Pethebrige.

John Melhews.

—— Courtney.

Ralph Mitchel.

Tho. Matthew.

Rich. Brasey.

Tho. Massye.

Peter Fretchwel.

Henry Vernon de Syd-  
bery, in com. Derby.

William Moor de vill.  
Derby.

Will. Bainbrigge.

John Eveleigh.

Nich. Adamps de Dart-  
mouth.

Clifton Harneys, in com.  
Devon.

Rich. Phelips.

Anth. Dylvington.

Andr. Hoord.

Chr. Hoel, in com. Dor-  
set.

John Mannock.

Tho. Phelipps.

Will. Randol.

John Moyne.

Hugh Smith.

Roger Gerard.

Ralph Scroope.

Tho. Moor de Hamble-  
ton, in com. Bucks.

Will. Read.

Henry Mannock.

John Maynard de St.  
Alban.

Nic. Debden.

Philip Tirwhit.

Indicted  
for it.

This, no question, was inwardly well enough liked by the queen, and her popish cabal; yet, outwardly, there was a shew of great displeasure against these men that presumed thus to do; and they were indicted for it at the King's Bench, by the queen's attorney, Edward Griffith, in Easter Term ensuing; information being then preferred against them, for departing without licence, contrary to the king and queen's inhibition in the beginning of the parliament. Six of these being timorous burgesses, submitted themselves to their fines. But whether they paid any, or but very small, it appears not. And Edmund Plowden, the learned lawyer, pleaded, that he remained continually from the beginning to the end of the parliament, and took a traverse full of pregnancy, as the Lord Coke speaks.

The writ of information against these parliament-men ran : “ Quod inhibitum fuit (a rege et regina in eodem parlamento) quod nullus ad idem parlamentum summonitus, et ibidem interessens, ab eodem parlamento absq; speciali licentia dictorum domino-regis et reginæ, et cur’ parlament. prædict’ recederet, seu seipsum aliquo modo absentaret.—And that these men appeared at this parliament, and there were present. Notwithstanding, lightly esteeming the inhibition of the king and queen, and having no regard of the commonweal of this realm of England, afterward, namely 12th January, the first and second of the king and queen, and during the parliament beforesaid, they departed without licence, in manifest contempt of the said king and queen’s command and injunction, and to the great detriment of the commonweal of this kingdom, and to the pernicious example of all other.”

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The indictment.

But this complaint against them was not to be brought before any court, but the court of parliament itself. For the high court of parliament subsisteth by its own laws and customs; and it is a law and custom of parliament, that all weighty matters in any parliament moved concerning the peers of the realm, or commons in parliament assembled, ought to be determined, adjudged, and discussed by the course of the parliament, and not by the civil law, nor yet by the common law of the realm, used in more inferior courts. And by another law or custom of parliament, the king cannot take notice of any thing said or done in the house of commons, but by the report of the house of commons; and every member of the house of commons hath a judicial place, and can be no witness. And this is the reason that judges ought not to give any opinion of a matter of parliament, because it is not to be decided by the common laws, but according to the laws and customs of parliament: according as the great lawyer Coke explained this matter.

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In the rest of Queen Mary’s parliaments many



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absented also ; the names of whom the Lord Coke set down as he met with them in records ; and then makes this note, That the poor common members of the parliament *in diebus illis*, had no great accord to continue in parliament, but departed.

At the conclusion of this parliament, the queen writ another letter to the sheriffs, containing her order for solemn masses and *Te Deum* in churches, and bonfires in all the counties, for reconciliation with the pope : for it seems the people had not conceived any such great store of joy at the doings of this parliament, in taking up the pope's yoke again, as to make any outward signification of it. Which, therefore, they were now forced to do by letters mandatory from the court. The letter was thus :

BY THE KING AND QUEEN.

*Mary the Quene.*

The  
queen's  
letter for  
bonfires,  
and *Te  
Deum*,  
for recon-  
ciling the  
nation.  
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Hickes,  
Esq. MSS.

“ Trusty and welbeloved, Wee grete you wel : and whereas by the especial favour of Almighty God, many and sundry great matters touching our Christian faith, and a godly concord with the rest of Christendom, have in our late parlament, with one consent of the lords spiritual and temporal, and other our loving subjects, been agreed upon and established ; wherby this our whole realm, and al our loving subjects of the same, being delivered, by authority of the pope's holiness, from al sentences of interdiction, and other censures of the church, be now restored again into God's favour, and the unity of the mother holy church, as by the bulls of our dearest cousin, the most Reverend Father in God, Lord Cardinal Pole, legate *de latere* from the pope's said holiness, fully appeareth : like as we considering how much we, both for these and other innumerable benefits of Almighty God, abundantly powred upon us, do humbly acknowledge ourselves most bounden to thank, and praise, and serve him, al the days of our life ; so thinking good that al our subjects of every degree should in al places, with repentance of their former

lives, both give thanks for these his great mercies, and to exercise themselves in prayer, fasting, and works of charity, as they may shew themselves true children of the holy church, whereunto they be now thus reconciled; and that they take the same so thankfully as they have just cause to do, we have, by other our letters to the bishops of our realm, required them to cause solemn mass with *Te Deum* openly in al their cathedral churches to be sung, and the like to be sung and said openly in al other churches within their several diocesses: and to the intent the common people may likewise by some token declare joy and gladness, which they ought justly to conceive for this reconciliation and uniting of the realm to the rest of Christendom, we have thought good to require you to give order throughout al your sheriffwick, for making of bonfires in al places, for some demonstration of rejoycing for the good success of the premisses accordingly. Wherefore we require you not to fail. Yeven under our signet at our palace of Westminster, the       day of January, the first and second year of our reigne.”

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It was but a little after this, King Philip and Queen Mary rode through the city, attended with the cardinal legate, and Bishop Gardiner, lord chancellor. The bishop rode on the one side before the king, with the great seal before him; on the other side rode the cardinal before the queen, with the cross carried afore him, he being all in scarlet, and blessing the people as he went. For which he was greatly laughed to scorn: for few of the people had now any good conceit of the pope or his creatures' blessings. Nor did they put off their caps, and make courtesy to the cross; neither was there scarce any expression of joy at the sight of the king and queen, none saying *God save them*. The Bishop of Winchester was sore offended at this; and as he passed along, would say to his servants, “Mark that house;” and anon, “Take that knave, and have him to the counter.

The king  
and queen  
ride  
through  
the city,  
with the  
cardinal  
and chan-  
cellor.

1554. Such a sort of heretics who ever saw, that will neither reverence the cross of Christ, nor yet once so much as *God save the king and queen?* I will teach them to do both, if I live." This Mountain (of whom mention hath been made before) heard him say, standing at Soper-lane-end, in Cheapside, to see the sight, having been newly delivered out of prison.

A book comes forth of the emperor's wars against the protestants.

Now, partly that the honour of the emperor might resound through England, his son being newly married to England's queen, partly to recommend the popish religion by the worldly successes of it, a translated book came forth of the emperor's wars in Germany, and of his victories against the protestants, intitled, "The Commentary of Don Lewis De'Avela et Suniga: Treating of the great Wars in Germany, made by Charles V. Emperor of Rome, and King of Spain, against John Frederick, Duke of Saxony, and Philip, Landgrave of Hesse; with other great Princes and Cities of the Lutherans. Written originally in the Year 1546." The setting forth this book now was, to certify the minds of such as were desirous to know, what had followed the doctrine of Martin Luther, as the Epistles Dedicatory, addressed to Edward Earl of Derby, expressed it.

Martin sets forth a book against the marriage of priests.

Another book came abroad this year, with much shew and vapour, made by Dr. Martin, of the Unlawfulness of Priests' Marriage; a vicious man himself, and notoriously guilty of uncleanness; and so the more unfit to handle that subject. Nor was he able to write such a book himself, being altogether ignorant in divinity, as his opponent, that answered his treatise, asserted; adding, that he was not the author, but rather the penner of that blasphemous book. If you will have some further character of him, take it from Bale (who lived in, and had good intelligence of these times, and the men of them), making some allowance for his homely way of writing: "The subtil summoner of Barkshire, the clerk protector of the pope's sodomites under Winchester, a wise and a politic gentleman, and one that can



weigh with all winds: when the gospel reigned, he was a great gosseller, and wrote thereabouts many epistles to my Lord of Canterbury, thinking then to profit that way. The epistles are yet to be seen, as witnesses of the same.—And moreover, oft desired of his familiar friends, to report to the said Lord of Canterbury, how painful a man he was in matters of that religion, to set the matter somewhat forward.—He played once the fool of Christmas in the New College of Oxford; but, I promise you, he is a shrewd knavish fool. Take good heed of him, my masters; for when you have well fattened him, if the world change again, he is clearly gon from you. We are not ignorant whence his newly peppered divinity cometh, with his guileful glorying of his old doctors, Martin, that valiant champain, being Winchester's own voice." There was a testimony in Latin given of this Dr. Martin by Franciscus Baldwinus, LL. D. and public reader at Bourges, in France, concerning the bad life of this man, when he sojourned at that university, where he took his degree; which testimony Bale hath taken care to preserve.

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Bale's Declaration. p. 37.

In his Declaration. of Bonner's Articles.

Martin in his book censures Hoper, Chap. 10.

But from the man, let us proceed to take some view of his book. In one place thereof he tells us of a dispute held between Bishop Hoper (whom he styles Sir John Hooper) and others in the Fleet; and that he was not long ago, before thirty persons, charged with a passage in a book of his, that the husband, being divorced from the wife, might marry with another in the former wife's life-time; and that he was pressed to answer to that doctrine of his, and particularly they urged to him two places of scripture out of St. Paul, viz. 1 Cor. 7. and Rom. 7. And Martin represents him, as though he found no other shift, but to say that Paul could not mean as he was taken: for that, in his time, the civil law was used, and the civil law made adultery death, as it is plain, said he, in the title *Ad Legem Juliam de Adulteriis*. But it was replied to him on the contrary, that one Claudius being condemned of adultery, yet afterwards

1554. married, which was not the usage of dead men; and that Ulpian made mention of some that were banished in his time for the said offence (which punishment in Tiberius his time was proclaimed, and by Trajan and other princes continued); and that in the civil law the pain of death was not read of before Constantine's days, or at least before the constitutions of Alexander Severus and Diocletian, which were made above 200 years after St. Paul's Epistle was writ to the Romans. Then Hoper answered, he spake not of the civil law written, but of the civil law unwritten. Thus representing Hoper as run down and put to miserable shifts. And yet Dr. Martin, by what he adds after, seems to vindicate Hoper's assertion: for he acknowledgeth, there was the *Lex Julia*, made by Augustus, that made adultery death; and that Juvenal cried out, with relation thereto, of the adultery of the times, *Ubi nunc lex Julia dormis?* So that by these words, it seems, the law was not taken away, but only slept for want of good execution. And, he saith, the law was mitigated by Tiberius, and discontinued by other emperors, and banishment used instead of death.

And Coverdale,  
Chap. 11.

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The said Martin, in another place of his book, censures Coverdale's translation of the Bible, where the high priest said to David, "If thy servants be clean, *maximè à mulieribus*, especially from women;" saying, that Coverdale read it *filthy women*; to the intent, saith Martin, that no argument should be gathered thereof against the marriage of priests. Whereas, as he adds, all the Hebrews understand by the same place, as St. Hierom writ, the proper wives of David's train and company that came with him. But it is a sign Martin took up things upon hearsay, and made not use of his own eyes: for I have consulted Coverdale's Bible, and Tindale's too, in two several editions, and none of them read as Martin pretends, but thus: "If the young men had abstained only from women;" without addition of *filthy*, either in text or margin.

In another place of his book, the more to vilify the priests in King Edward's reign for their marriage, he chargeth them, that for haste some of them took common strumpets, some of them widows, and some of them other men's wives; throwing his dirt, without regard whence he had his reports, or whether they were true or false.

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And vilifies  
married  
priests.

But Ponet, late Bishop of Winton, now in exile, excellently answered this scurrilous book, with great learning and clearness, in two parts; one part whereof came forth in the year 1556, as we shall see when we come to that year.

Answered  
by Ponet.

Another doctor, of the same strain with Dr. Martin, set forth also this year another book, to serve the same turn: it was intituled, "A Discourse, wherein is debated, Whether it be expedient that the Scripture should be in English, for all Men to read that will? Printed at London by Robert Ealie." This book consisted of a great mass of proofs, thirty and upwards, why the scripture was not to be allowed in the English tongue. And some of his proofs were such as these: "That the reading of the scripture in English tended to the people's spiritual destruction. That by this *damnable liberty* (as he styled it) all holy mysteries had been despised, and the people had utterly condemned every thing that was not expressed in the letter of their English Bibles. That it was the occasion of many heresies; and that it ministred occasion to the common sort to fall into error, since the rude ignorant sort were ever prone perversly to wrest the scripture. That the universal church of Christ did never allow nor approve the scripture to be in the vulgar language, weighing the manifold inconveniences that issued thereof; but ever, from time to time, among other errors, did tread that down, and suppress it. That like as God appointed the old law to be written in stone, tables, or books, so did he appoint (as Jeremie witnessed) the new to be written only in the heart of man. Why should the writing in books then be so highly regarded? But this carnal, this

Dr. Stan-  
dish's book  
against  
the scrip-  
tures in  
English.

Jer. 31.



1554. fleshly regarding, by no means, as he added, can be so well extenuate, or rather quite taken away, as by taking the scripture forth of the vulgar tongue, and forth of the handling of the lewd ignorant." Here also we read, "That as the people had the scripture in their own handlings these dozen years past, so it was to their utter spiritual destruction." He produced also that of our Saviour, "That which ye have heard in secret places, shall be preached on the tops of the houses." Which he made this use of: "He said not, it shall be written in your churches (as it was Jewishly used of late here in England) nor written in Bibles, to be read of every one in his mother tongue, and set up for that purpose in every church. He could not but marvel, that men, to their own confusion, were so desirous to have the scripture in their mother tongue. Therefore, away, said he, with the *English damnable translation*, and let them learn the mysteries of God reverently by heart, and learn to give as much credit to that which is not expressed
- p. 171. in scripture; knowing, that in three points the authority of the church is above the authority of the scripture: one is, in fortifying verities, *not written*, to be necessary to salvation, &c. And, finally, as he concluded, seeing that by no means, so soon as by the scriptures in English, heresies did both spring daily, and were also maintained, wherein should good men be more diligent than in the extirpation thereof?" This was the doctrine that in Queen's Mary's reign was published and allowed for *catholic*.

Another  
book now  
comes  
forth, viz.  
The Way  
home to  
Christ.

Another of these welwillers to the pope's religion, named John Proctor, translated Vincentius Lirinensis, to this purpose, and in October printed his translation, which he called, "The Way home to Christ and Truth, leading from Antichrist and Error; made and set forth in the Latin Tongue, by that famous Clark, Vincent, Frenchman, born above xi. Hundred Years past, for the Comfort of all Christian Men, against the most pernicious and detestable Craft of Heretics; which, in his Time, by al subtil Ways,

devised to obscure and deface the Doctrin and Religion of the Universal Church. And now the same Work is Englished, and by the Queen's Highnes authorized to be set furthe, for the Relief of divers English Menne, which yet stand in Doubt, whether they may go to Heaven in the Peace and Unity of Christ's Universal Church, or to Hel in the Dissension and Confusion of Heretics." All this carried the title-page. The translator dedicated his book to the queen, thus bespeaking her in the beginning: "We have, with our great harins, long tried, nothing to be more perillous than wicked folly armed with princely authority; blessed be the heavenly God, most gracious Mary, we now savour what inestimable good thing is godly wisdom coupled with power imperial," &c. His prologue he writes to his "Dear brethren, and natural countrymen of England." Wherein he thus tells them, in his entrance, "That in this new and miraculous reign of merciful Mary, their new and most lawful queen and governess, wherein they saw so many good old orders newly restored, and so many new erroneous novelties antiquated and made old, he had a vehement desire to exhibit unto them some new gift and token, whereby to witness the great gladness newly engendred in his heart on so many new occasions. And, among all other gifts that might commend the giver, and advantage the receiver, found none either fitter for him to give, or better for them to receive, or more agreeable to this present time, than if he should renew some old tresure, and present them with some ancient jewel; the use whereof might both encrease knowledge in them to discern the value of old and ancient jewels of late days not regarded, and expel also from them blind and gross ignorance, to the utter defacing of such new pelfrie and counterfeit trash, as lately had been esteemed."

In the same prologue to his countrymen, thus he addresseth himself to them: "Oh! dear brethren and friends, it much pitieth me, and I trust it now repenteth you also, to consider how ill you have been

1554. of late taught; how unnaturally you have been entreated, since ye left this good and loving mother; how many diseases and infirmities have grown upon you, since your departing from this comfortable leche; how owgle and carrion-lean ye are to se, since you chaunged this necessary nourse, with how great tempestuous storms ye have ben beaten, since you first let loose from this faithful haven. Wo worth that false harlot that hath deceived you! I mean, that  
 p. 172. malignant and cursed church. It is she that by her flattering means and deceitful allurements, hath inticed you to come from so sweet and amiable mother's lap into her whorish arms. From church to church, I grant; but not from like to like: from an heavenly church, to a malignant church; from a loving mother, to a flattering harlot; from the condition of grace, to the state of perdition; from the unity of Christians, to the diversion of hereticks; from the light of pure knowledge, to the darkness of foul ignorance; from the truth of antiquity, to the falshood of novelties; from faithful believing, to carnal reasoning," &c.

Then he fell foul upon the late preachers, calling them ministers of the devil, and preachers of antichrist, nay antichrist; and adding, "That those antichrists had born a great stroke here a long time in England; in whom was no constancy, no stay, no stedfastness of religion and doctrine. Howbeit they al agreed wel in some things. They would be as proud, as heady, as false and subtil as the devil their father, wherehence they came. They al would have wives, long berdes (whereas the popish priests were to be close shaven) and, finally, no old truth or fashions, but all new knacks and fancies, &c. In their stout countenances they seemed warriors; in their light apparel, courtiers; in their familiar talk, rybawds; in their gesture, wantons; in their living, ryotous," &c.

Then he falls as fiercely upon the laity, their disciples: "And how much have yee, their disciples



and scholars, profited under them, and by their example in godlines of life, in honesty of behaviour, in charity towards your neighbours, since ye first went from your mother the church, and left the ancient orders and customs of religion, and became gay gospellers, after the guise of your new teachers?—

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I am perfect, and none of you can say nay, and say truth; ye have grown in all wickedness, as ye have grown in this new religion; insomuch, that there was never such unthriftines in servants, such unnaturalnes in children, such unrulines in subjects, such fiercenes in enemies, such unfaithfulnes in friends; again, such beastlines of minds, such disdainfulnes in hearts: finally, such falsehood in promises, such deceitfulnes in bargains, such greedy extortion, such insatiable covetousness, such intolerable pride, as therefore ye are become a fable amongst al nations. How say you? Is not this true?" &c. But enough of this zealous catholic and his book.

Paul Bush, Bishop of Bristol, one of the compliers with both religions, set forth this year an Exhortation to one Margaret, wife of John Burges, clothier, of Kingswood, in the county of Wilts; printed by John Cawood. The sum of this seems to have been, to persuade her to comply with the popish religion, the better to shew the sincerity of his own coming about. Printed in 8vo.

Bp. Bush  
sets forth  
a book;

And John Christopherson, ere long to be preferred to the deanery of Norwich, published also an Exhortation upon occasion of the late insurrection, directed to all men to take heed of rebellion. Wherein were set down the causes that commonly move men to rebel; and shewing, that there was no cause that ought to move a man thereunto. Printed in 8vo. by Cawood.

And so  
doth Chris-  
topherson.

The queen now made choice of two great men, to intrust two great offices with them: for, on March 12, a commission was made, appointing William Earl of Pembroke her lieutenant-general, in the parts

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Lord Pem-  
broke and  
Lord Haw-  
ward the  
queen's  
lieutenants

1554. beyond the seas; and, by another commission, William Lord Haward was made lieutenant-general for the seas.

## CHAP. XXI.

The misfortunes and lamentable ends of some eminent professors of the gospel; Sir James Hales, William Ford, Richard Wever, William Thomas, Esq.

WE will now spend a few lines in relating the miseries and disasters that this year befel several men of eminency, who were noted in the last reign to have patronized, or earnestly professed the Reformation.

Judge  
Hales.  
Acts and  
Mon. p.  
1392.

Sir James Hales, of Kent, knight, a pious and good man, and a just and able judge under King Henry and King Edward (whose history is related at large by Fox) was made a prisoner in the King's Bench last year, by the Bishop of Winchester, lord chancellor; and thence was removed to the Counter in Bread-street, and from thence to the Fleet. Here one Foster, a gentleman of Hampshire, laboured to persuade him to embrace the popish doctrine by this argument, that the error was without danger, but the truth full of peril. When it was known that Hales was inclinable to relent, Day, Bishop of Chichester, and Portman, a judge, came to him (it being then the month of April) and did so earnestly deal with him, that they overcame him at last, after his having lain three weeks in that prison of the Fleet. But the trouble that arose in his conscience for what he had done filled him with great terror, and overwhelmed him with sorrow: so that he attempted, in the absence of his servant, to kill himself with his penknife. For being ill, and lying sobbing and sighing, he sent down his servant upon an errand, and in the mean time wounded himself in divers places of his body;

Recants.

Wounds  
himself.

but his servant came in on the sudden, and at that time prevented his death. 1554.

Winchester took occasion upon this, the day after, in the Star Chamber, to blaspheme the doctrine of the gospel, calling it, *The Doctrine of Desperation*, and the professors of it *desperate men*. Whereas, indeed, the blame of Judge Hales his doing was not to be laid upon the true religion, but upon the forsaking of it; for he did this act after he had, in effect, renounced the religion. For the vindication therefore of religion, it was thought convenient, that a treatise should be composed concerning this matter; wherein the blame of this action was retorted upon the papists themselves. This treatise, as I met with it among the Foxian MSS. I have cast into the Catalogue. It was written by Bishop Hoper, as may appear by one of his letters preserved in the volume of the Martyrs' Letters, to this tenor:

Winchester's censure hereupon.

Religion vindicated.

No. XXIV.

"To my beloved in the Lord, W. P. the grace of God be with you. I have sent you letters for my wife, who is at Frankford, in High Almain; I pray you convey them trustily and speedily, and seal them close after the merchants' fashion, that they be not opened. William Dounton, my servant, hath the first copy of that I wrot concerning Master Hales hurt. I would Master Bradford did see it; and then the copy to be wel kept, lest any man of malice should add any thing more and worse than I have made it. I pas not of that may come of it, I thank God; and my conscience bears me record, that I did it of zele to the word of God, which that Bishop of Winchester called, *The Doctrin of Desperation*. Not only my heart, but also my mouth, my pen, and al my powers, shal be against him, even till death (by God's help) in this cause. Let God do with the matter as it pleaseth his high Majesty; to whom I commend you, 29 April, 1554.

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Hoper's letter relating thereto.

Yours,

JOHN HOPER."

Whence we learn the author of this vindication,



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and the care and zeal this pious bishop had for preserving the credit and reputation of the reformed religion.

Hales  
drowns  
himself.

But to return to this unhappy gentleman, Mr. Hales; sadder yet was his conclusion: for, after his recantation, being dismissed home unto his own country and habitation, conquered with grief and despair, he drowned himself in a shallow pond near his own house, which is shewn to this day.

Others un-  
der great  
trouble of  
mind for  
hearing  
mass.

Besides this sad instance, others I meet with, who being formerly serious professors of the gospel, and through fear, or some other cause, having gone to mass, fell into great despairs, and into such a disconsolate state, as made them attempt, or execute, their own deaths. Two other passages I shall relate, that happened in these sad Marian days. The one

W. Ford.  
Fox. MSS.

is of Mr. William Ford, sometime scholar, and after usher of Wickham College, beside Winchester; who being at length, by the labour and pains of John Loud, of the same college, brought from the popish doctrine, became at last a great enemy to papism in Oxford, being there fellow and civilian (as Mr. John Philpot was about that time in Wickham College) and afterward being usher under Mr. John White, schoolmaster, in that college. There were many golden images there in that church, the door whereof was directly over against the usher's chamber; one day Mr. Ford tied a long cord to the images, linking them all in one cord, and being in his chamber after midnight, he plucked the cord's end, and at one pull all the golden gods came down. It wakened all men with the rush: they were amazed at the terrible noise, and also dismayed at the grievous sight. The cord being plucked hard, and cut with a twitch, lay at the church-door. At last they fell to searching, but Mr. Ford, most suspected, was found in his bed; this happened about the year 1535, or 1536. Mr. Ford afterwards had a dog's life among them (I use the words of my MS.) Mr. White, the schoolmaster, the fellows of the house, and the scholars, crying out

and railing at him, by supportation of their master; 1554.  
lewd men lay in wait for him many times; and one  
night going into the town, he must needs come home  
to the college by the town walls, the gates of Trinity  
College being shut. This was espied; he was watch-  
ed, and, when he came to a blind dark corner, by  
King's-gate, there they laid on him with staves. He  
clapped his gown collar, furred with fox fur, round  
about his head and neck; they laid on him some  
strokes, but, by God's providence, the most part, in  
that great darkness, did light upon the ground. So  
they ran away, and left Mr. Ford for dead; but he  
tumbled and rolled himself to the gates (for they made  
him past going) and then cried for help, and people  
came in, who took him up and bare him to his lodging. p. 175.

But to come down to Queen Mary's dismal days:  
when this Ford lived with Mr. Richard Whalley, at  
Welbeck, whom one day he accompanied, by com-  
mand, to Sir George Perpoint's, knight, dwelling at  
Wedhouse, a mile off, there he heard chanting, sing-  
ing, and there he saw torch-bearing in day-light, at  
mass; but upon this he fell into a misliking of him-  
self; the devil tempted him continually, especially in  
the night, as many knew. At last George Petit, the  
son of Mr. John Petit, that great patriot of the city  
of London, told John Loud, how his old friend and  
scholar was tempted of Satan to kill himself, upon a  
small occasion, as some thought. Whereupon he did  
from Adenborow, in Nottinghamshire, write a com-  
fortable letter by the said Petit to Mr. Ford; at the  
reading of which letter he greatly rejoiced, and took  
spiritual comfort, oftentimes kissing the letter, giving  
thanks to God and his servant for it. And so, at last,  
being well comforted, he was made parson of New-  
bury, by the means of Mr. Fortescue, sometime his  
scholar in humanity, rather than follower in religion;  
and with continual pains teaching the grammar-  
school there, and preaching, he changed this life for  
a better, in great feebleness of body, more than of  
soul and mind.

1554.  
R. Wever.

But sadder was the end of one Richard Wever, of Bristol, who fell into like temptation for hearing mass. A certain preacher undertook great and tedious travail with him, to administer comfort to him in his disconsolate condition, whereby at length, for a great space, he conceived much comfort; yet, at last, being to go home, he ran to the infamous mills of Bristol, and catching up a child of seven years of age in his arms, leaped into the water, and both were drowned. It is not to be concealed, that this poor miserable man, tempted mightily, and almost choked of the fiend, for none other cause than is rehearsed, found a long time unspeakable comfort from the saying of St. Paul, "Christ came into the world to save sinners, of the which I am the greatest." He pretended a great reverence and love to the preacher that took pains with him, and ever would be reciting the said sentence. But being brought to the popish service in the fourth year of the queen, he was clean altered, and that love turned into a servile fear and terror of the preacher, seeking occasion to steal from behind him; but being of him espied, he would be marvellously abashed, and, as it were, tremble for fear: though of the preacher he had all the fairest and pleasantest words he could devise.

W. Thomas

In May was arraigned and condemned, and executed for treason, William Thomas, a very wise man, clerk of the council to King Edward, and by him much valued and used; having writ several treatises of state policy for the use and exercise of the young king. The crime laid to his charge, was, that he designed the murder of the queen, or, as Bale writeth, of Stephen Gardiner, the lord chancellor. Fowlis supposeth, that he was warped toward Christopher Goodman's judgment, against the rule of women (which the said Fowlis had from Parsons, in his *Three Conversions*, who writes so) and that he was of more misguided zeal than true religion. Others, who have read divers of his writings, have a greater opinion of his wisdom and religion, and are

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Romish  
treasons.



apt to suspect Thomas had foul play, and that it was a trick of state, to get a man so dangerous to their designs out of the way. He was arraigned and condemned one day, and hastily executed the next. He made a right godly end; and in his imprisonment wrote many pious letters, exhortations and sonnets. He wrote a little book of the "Vanity of the World," printed, I think, 1545. He made an Italian dictionary and grammar at Padua, printed afterwards, 1567, by the appointment of Sir Walter Mildmay; and a short and methodical history of Italy, printed, 1549, reprinted, 1561; and translated some books out of Italian. 1554.

His books  
and writ-  
ings,

Besides which in print, there be several treatises of his preserved in a MS. volume of the Cotton Library; which were chiefly drawn up for the use and study of his master, King Edward, viz. Common Places of State, whereof these were some of them: "Whether it be convenient to vary with the time? what prince's amity is best? whether it be better for a commonwealth, that the power be in the nobility, or in the commonalty?" a discourse touching the *reformation of the coin*. His private opinion touching his majesty's outward affairs; and for this realm here within itself. *Pelerine Inglise*, that is, *The English Pilgrim*. It was writ in Italian, but translated into English. For this book Thomas is most famous. It is an account of a discourse, that happened between him and some Italians, in his travails in Italy, concerning King Henry VIII. and his affairs; wiping off the aspersions that were cast thereon in those countries; and giving a truer relation of the transactions in England. Yet the reader must have a care, how he believes all he writes; as in his granting Queen Anne Bolen to have been guilty of incest with her brother, the Lord of Rochford, and too familiar with the other four executed with her. He hath these words of her, "Whose liberal life were too shameful to rehearse." He dedicated this book to Peter Aretine, the poet, because the king, in

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Edward,

1554. whose defence, he said, he made it, had remembered the said Aretine with an honourable legacy by his testament. The which, however, his enemies pretend was done out of the fear the king had, lest he should defame him after his death. This book was put into print 1552; but the MS. thereof is more known than the print.

His sup-  
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In Throg-  
morton's  
trial.

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But as to Thomas's treason, I find these particulars of it: which is all that I can see alledged against him. Sir Nicholas Arnold, in trouble upon Wyat's plot, did say, that Sir Nicholas Throgmorton did shew him, that Thomas did devise, that one John Fitzwilliams should kill the queen: but when this was charged upon Throgmorton, he utterly denied that he said any such thing, but that Arnold rather spake it to save himself, being charged with that matter, to transfer that device upon the said Thomas. And to justify what he said, Throgmorton urged, that Fitzwilliams, who was hard by, might be called, to depose his knowledge of the matter. And Fitzwilliams appeared. But (as though it were likely, to turn to the vindication of Throgmorton or Thomas) the attorney-general prayed the court, that Fitzwilliams might not be sworn, nor suffered to speak. And he was forthwith commanded by Stamford, the judge, to depart the court. Yet not to conceal one thing more: when at Sir Thomas Wyat's trial, Sir Edward Hastings had asked him, whether he was privy to a device to murder the queen, in a certain place, where she should walk? he answered, that it was William Thomas his invention, whom he ever after abhorred for that cause. But it must be observed, that Wyat said this, when he was earnestly suing for the queen's pardon, and had spoken several other things rather acceptable to the court, than true; as declaring himself then much satisfied with the Spanish match, against which he had taken up arms; and falsely accusing the Lady Elizabeth, and the Lord Courtney, to have been privy to his doings; which he revoked at his execution. It is certain Thomas

was a man of great experience in matters of state, of a shrewd head, and much used in the court of King Edward: for which cause, the present court might have the greater jealousies of him, and might be the more willing to be rid of him. And probably he had contracted enemies in the former reign, which were now in place. 1554.

Concerning this gentleman, I cannot but make this observation, that on the top of his epistle dedicatory before his book of the *Pilgrim*, at least that copy of it that is in the Cotton Library, he wrote this verse out of the Psalms, “Castigans castigavit me Dominus, et morti non tradidit. W. T.” Hinting thereby at the great troubles that had befallen him, which it seems were the occasion of his travelling abroad; for so he began: “Constrained by misfortune to abandon the place of my nativity, and to walk at the liberty of the wide world, in the month of February, and after the Church of England, 1546, happened me to arrive in the city of Bononie,” &c. On the head of the page, that began his book, he wrote another sentence, as though he foresaw his own destiny, however he had escaped before; and it was this:

“He that dyeth with honour liveth for ever,  
And the defamed dead recovereth never.”

The greatest blur, I find, sticking upon this gentleman, was, that in King Edward's time he was guilty of endeavouring to get a spiritual benefice to himself, and thereby to defraud the clergy of the livings appropriated to them; a fault too common and epidemical in those days: for he made means to obtain to himself a very good prebend of St. Paul's, called Cantrels, of 34*l.* and better in the king's books. He set the council upon Bishop Ridley, not long after his coming to that bishoprick, to join with one Layton, the present prebendary, to make an alienation of it to Thomas and his heirs; but Ridley would not yield. Yet the council were so importunate with him, that they made him promise, that

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1554. when it next fell void, he should acquaint the king therewith, before he disposed of it; on purpose, I suppose, that they might then presently beg it of the king for Thomas. In the year 1551, Layton the prebendary died, and Thomas knowing Ridley's mind, that he would not bestow the prebend upon him (which indeed he intended for his chaplain Grindal), procured letters from some of the council, that Ridley should not collate to it, because the king would make use of it for his stables. That so, as it seems, Thomas getting some office in the stables, might thereby twist in himself to the enjoyment of the prebend. Of this the good bishop made a complaint, in a letter to Cheke, and desired him to stop it. This letter, notably written, may be found in the Catalogue; wherein, for this attempt of Thomas, he called him by the name of an *ungodly man*.
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## CHAP. XXII.

The condemnation of Bishop Hoper, Rogers, Taylor, Saunders, eminent divines and preachers.

**I**N the month of February, John Hooper, or Hoper (as he writ himself) bishop of the diocese of Worcester and Gloucester, united under King Edward, was for his constant faith burned to death at Gloucester, and sealed his holy doctrine with his blood. In his younger years he had been a monk of Clive, of the Cistertian order, saith one. About the year 1535 or 1536, I meet with one John Howper, a black friar of Gloucester, whether our John Hoper, or no, I cannot affirm; who, with six monks more, of the same house, desired licence from Crumwel, then lord privy seal, and the king's vicar-spiritual, to change their habit. In whose behalf one Richard Deverex, a visitor in those parts, under Crumwel, writ his letter to the said vicar-general. The holy martyr was a man of a truly apostolical spirit, and

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burned.

one that for learning, and courage, and zeal in promoting God's truth, and for painfulness in his vocation, and other abilities, may justly be placed in the first rank of the protestant reformers : his history is at large set down by Fox, in his Acts and Monuments : who speaks of twenty-four books and treatises, 1554. His books. which he wrote in prison, but names them not. I will mention a few of them : he wrote an epistle to the inhabitants of the counties of Gloucester and Worcester, whose diocesan he had once been : another to Cardinal Pole : another to Day, Bishop of Chichester : another to the parliament, *contra neotericos*. To which I add another, wrote to the bishops, deans, archdeacons, and others of the clergy, of the synod met at London, 1554. He wrote also a book in Latin, for the doctrine of the Lord's Supper, and another against the mass, and a third against the *corporeal* presence ; and lastly another, being a discourse shewing the right way for the finding out false doctrine and avoiding it. It is intitled in my MS. thus : " Joannis Hoperi Angli, nuper Episcopi Wigorniensis et Glocestrensis, de vera Ratione inveniendæ et fugiendæ falsæ Doctrinæ, breve Syntagma." This was designed by the author for the press, and was in the hands of John Fox, when he was Basil, for that purpose ; but whether printed or no, I cannot tell.

The discourse is grounded upon this principle, that all true doctrine must be fetched from the holy scripture, and from no human authority, whether of the pope's or the church : and that all doctrines must be tried by the word of God, and nothing else ; much less, that the certainty of our faith is to be fetched from the *ignorant collier*. He meant the collier's faith, *to believe as the church believes*. It is dedicated, " To all the brethren that adhere to the true religion." And in his epistle to them, he gave his reasons why he wrote in Latin ; namely, " That because no printer in those days, dared to print in English, and that the presses in England were employed in printing either fables or nothing ; and that,

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1554. had the tract come forth in English, it might the more have exasperated the persecutors against the true professors. And, being in Latin, all the godly brethren throughout the world might understand and know his faith, which he and they in England did profess, and in which they resolved to persevere undauntedly unto the death, in spite of the gates of hell. That what he writ, he writ to the godly only. That for his own part, he cared not for the carping of envy, nor did he any more value the swords and flames of the papists, than a lion doth for the barking of a young whelp: for they could not kill the body, but the soul immediately entred into everlasting joy with Christ." Such was the man, and such his spirit. This was writ in prison, and dated Dec. 1, 1554. The Epistle Dedicatory to this treatise, whence these passages before are taken, I have placed in the Catalogue, to preserve, as much as may be, all the monuments of such eminent martyrs of Christ.

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Another  
tract of his  
writ in  
prison.

Another of these twenty-four pieces, wrote by this reverend man while a prisoner, was that tract he wrote in vindication of the religion against the calumny of Bishop Gardiner, viz. that it drove to desperation; occasioned by Judge Hales his laying violent hands upon himself, spoken of before. This was writ in English, as those before mentioned were in Latin.

Another.

Yet, another in English, by way of a Letter to a congregation of professors that were taken on New Year's-Day, in Bow Church-yard, while they were assembled together, and at their prayers, and imprisoned and used very hardly; which, though I find it among the Martyrs' Letters, yet meeting with a better copy of it among the Foxian MSS. I have laid it in the Catalogue.

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His letters.

Several other letters of his, written in prison, are preserved in Fox's Acts and Monuments, and in the volume of the Martyrs' Letters.

Other  
books of  
his printed.

He wrote also divers other things before his restraint, under King Henry and King Edward; several whereof were printed, some in his life-time, and some



after he was dead, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. What these books were, may be seen partly in Bale's Centuries, and partly in the *Athenæ Oxonienses*, under John Hoper's name.

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This good bishop was extremely hated by Bishop Gardiner, not only because he was a very earnest reformer of religion from papal superstitions, but having been one of the witnesses against him in his troubles under King Edward ; so now, in his prosperity and power, he was resolved to revenge himself : and poor Hoper was used very hardly in prison by Babington, the warden of the Fleet, who was one of Bishop Gardiner's creatures. Hoper was first committed to the Fleet from Richmond, where the council then was, with order, that liberty should be allowed him ; yet, six days after, he paid 5*l*. for the liberty of the prison to the warden ; who presently went and made some complaint of him to Winchester, and so this liberty was restrained again, notwithstanding his money and the council's order. And, by the order of Winchester, he remained in close confinement, and was extremely ill used for a quarter of a year. Afterwards, by intercession and money, he had liberty to come down to dinner and supper, but not so much as to speak then with any of his friends ; and dinner and supper ended, he was to go up to his chamber again. And yet he paid after the quality of a baron, as well in fees, as for his board, that is, twenty shillings a-week, besides his man's table : and when he was deprived of his bishoprick, he paid after the rate of the best gentleman in his house. Yet, notwithstanding, the warden dealt with him worse than the veriest slave that came to the hall commons : for he put Hoper into the wards, where he continued a long time ; and had nothing for his bed but a pad of straw, a rotten covering, with a tike and a few feathers therein : the chamber where he lodged, vile and stinking ; on one side of which was the sink and filth of all the house, and on the other side the town ditch. So that, by this usage,

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1554. he contracted divers diseases. And while he was sick, all his doors were barred, and none suffered to come in to administer any succour to him: and when he was ready to die, and called out for somebody to come to him, yet the warden commanded his chamber to remain locked, and that none should be admitted, though the poor men of the wards, hearing his cries, had, out of mere pity, moved the warden to go or send to him: when he would say, *Let him alone, it were a good riddance of him.* All this I have extracted out of one of Hoper's own letters; wherein he calls Gardiner, *God's enemy and mine.*

Bishop  
Gardiner  
sits judi-  
cially on  
Hoper's  
trial.  
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Having in my hands the judiciary acts of the proceedings against him, I shall from hence briefly recite the manner thereof the two last days only, especially having been omitted by Mr. Fox. Jan. 28, being Monday, the Bishop of Winton, by his ordinary authority, sat judicially in St. Mary Overy's church, assisted on his right hand with Edmund Bishop of London, Nicolas Bishop of Worcester, Thomas of Ely, Gilbert of Bath and Wells, James of Gloucester, John of Bristol: on his left hand sat Cuthbert Bishop of Durham, Robert of Carlisle, John of Lincoln, Henry of St. David's, William of Norwich, Ralph of Coventry and Lichfield; Anthony Husey, Robert Johnson, and William Say, public notaries, being appointed actuaries in this affair. Besides there were present also the Duke of Norfolk, Anthony Lord Mountague, Thomas Lord Wharton, Richard Southwel, Francis Englefield, Christopher (perhaps mistaken for Robert) Rochester, Thomas Wharton, John Hurleston, John Tregonwel, Philip Draycot, and John Gernyngham, Knights; William Coke, Thomas Martyn, Richard Dobbes, Knights; besides a very great multitude more present.

His speech  
to him.

In this solemn audience, the said Bishop of Winchester began, Hoper being called in, to tell him, how he had been the day before called before him, and certain others of the king's and queen's privy council especially appointed thereto, and then ex-

horted to acknowledge the errors and heresies of his past life and perverse doctrine, and to return with the rest to the unity of the church; and that if he were willing to do so, the pardon of his past errors and wickedness was offered him. But Hoper then, undauntedly (*indurato animo*, say the Acts) refused to return. Therefore, now he was called into the public court of justice, to answer before him certain articles concerning heretical pravity; offering him yet, if he would be reconciled, that he should be willingly received into the bosom of the holy mother church; which Hoper then did not only refuse, but broke out into some blasphemies, say the Acts (that is, no more than that he spake against some of their doctrines.) Then, among many other articles, specially the bishop objected to him these that follow : 1554.

*First*, That being a priest, and of a religious order, expressly professing a rule approved by law, he took a certain woman to be his wife, *de facto*, whereas *de jure* he ought not, and cohabited with her in wicked and unlawful marriage; and preached, taught, and by books set forth, published and defended such pretended marriages to be lawful and valid by God's law; and so asserted and believed still. All which Hoper confessed, and was ready, he said, to defend. Articles objected to him; with his answers

*Secondly*, That he asserted, preached, taught, published and defended in books set forth, and still so believed and held, that by reason of the sin of fornication or adultery committed, persons lawfully married may, by the word of God, and by his authority, and the ministry of the magistrates, be separated from the bond of matrimony, and divorced from one another: and that so it may be lawful for the man to take another wife, and the woman another husband; on this account, because the woman is no longer the wife of the former man; nor the former man any more the husband of the former wife. To this he answered affirmatively; and that he was ready to defend it to be true, both by divine and human right, against all adversaries.



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*Thirdly*, That he asserted, held, published, and in books set forth, taught and defended, and so believed, asserted and held still, that in the eucharist or sacrament of the altar, is not truly the true and natural body of Christ, and his true and natural blood, under the species of bread and wine; and that there is there material bread and material wine only, without the truth and presence of the body and blood of Christ. To which article he answered in these words, That the very natural body of Christ is not really and substantially in the sacrament of the altar; saying also, That *the mass is the iniquity of the devil*; and that *the mass is an idol*. This was the work on Monday.

On the next day, being Jan. 29, the Bishop of Winchester, assisted with the bishops above named, together with George Bishop of Chichester, persuaded and exhorted Hoper with many reasons to reconcile himself. But he, according to the language of the Acts, persisted in his obstinacy and malice, and brake out into blasphemies, saying, that “matrimony is none of the seven sacraments;” and that “if it be a sacrament, he can prove seven score sacraments.” So, at this session, Winchester pronounced and read the definitive sentence against him, condemning him for an heretick and excommunicated: and consequently delivered him to the secular court, and into the hands of David Woodroff and William Chester, sheriffs of London; who carried him away with them. Then the bishop bad the notaries to make an instrument of what was done, and prayed those that were present to be witnesses; who were those noblemen and knights, and others, before mentioned, and these moreover, Clement Higham, Richard Dobbes, Knts.; Tho. Hungate, Esq.; John Seton, Tho. Watson, Professors of Divinity; Nicolas Harpesfield, David Pole, Hugh Coren, Doctors of the Laws; Henry Jolliff, Philip Morgan, Bachelors of Divinity; Francis Allen, William Smyth, and John Vaughan, Esqrs. and many more. If any be minded to see the form of the sentence pronounced by the mouth of the

bishop against this holy martyr, let him have recourse to the Catalogue.

With Hoper I must join John Rogers, alias Matthew, a learned prebendary of St. Paul's, and vicar of St. Sepulchre's, London, condemned the same day with him, and of the same courage and constancy; who, when Bishop Gardiner exhorted him, as he had done Hoper the same day, to reconcile himself, and return to the unity of the church, he replied, "My Lord, Where you say, ye wyllyd me to ryse ageyn with you, and so to come to the vnity of Christ's church, I take you, by those your words that you wyllyd me to fall: for I do understand the church otherwise than you do: for I do understand the church of Christ, and you do understand the Romish church of antichrist. And, I say, that the pope's church, which you believe, is the church of antichrist." Also he said, as touching his belief in the sacrament of the altar, that he believed that Christ was in heaven, and believed not that his very body and blood is really and substantially in the sacrament of the altar. Also, he said, that in that he being a priest did marry, he offended no law. And also, that the bishops maintain herein one false faith, one false doctrine, and one false world. This was done on Monday. On Tuesday, being brought forth again before the bishop, he again, with sundry arguments, endcavoured to persuade him, and excited him to reconciliation: but to no purpose; the bishop therefore looking upon him as an obstinate heretick, pronounced the definitive sentence upon him, as he had done that same morning upon Hoper; giving the same order to the notaries, and requiring the same witnesses.

Two other learned and eminent divines, of the reformed persuasion, were tried and condemned this sessions, of the bishop's commissioners; whom I will mention also. The one was Rowland Taylor, Doctor of Laws, one that had been chaplain to Archbishop Cranmer, and one of the commissioners appointed

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Taylor.  
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by parliament in King Edward's reign, for purging the canon law, and drawing up a body of wholesome ecclesiastical laws for the use of this church and kingdom. This reverend man, on Jan. 29, was called before the said commissioners. Then Bishop Gardiner, as he had done the others, exhorted him to be reconciled; but he stiffly persisted in his former judgment. Then did the bishop object two articles to him, as just matter, no doubt, to make him a heretick. The one was, that he asserted, believed, preached and published, that it was lawful for any religious man, though he were expressly professed, and for any priest, after he had taken on him the profession of priesthood, and before he had taken it upon him, to marry, and with the person so married to cohabit, as with his lawful wife. The other was, that he asserted, believed, preached and defended, that in the eucharist is not truly the true and natural body and blood of Christ, under the species of bread and wine; and that material bread and material wine are there only. These articles Taylor freely confessed, saying, that so he still believed, and was ready to defend; saying, moreover, judicially, "That transubstantiation is a conjuring word; *concomitantia* another juggling word: and that the Bishop of Rome is against God: and that he made by a juggling word, the body and blood of Christ of bread and wine: and that to worship it with honour due to God, is idolatry." Then the bishop assigned him to appear there again between three and four in the afternoon. What was done then appears not: but, Jan. 30, he appeared again before the Bishop of Winchester, and the

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Bishops of Durham, Wigorn, Ely, London, Bath and Wells, Lincoln, Norwich, Lichfield, and Carlisle, co-assessors. Then Winchester beginning after his usual way, offered to receive him into favour, and the unity of the church, if with a penitent mind he would return: but he more stiffly persisted in his perverse opinions (I use the words of the Acts) break out into very many blasphemies, saying, "That there be but



two sacraments, baptism and the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ; and that after consecration, the bread and wine remains." He denied transubstantiation; and said, "That the natural body of Christ is not here, but in heaven; and that Christ's body could not be in two places at once." After long disputations, the bishop asked him again, whether he would return to the unity of the catholick church? He answered, That *he would not come to antichrist's church.* Then the bishop read the sentence definitive against him, condemning him for a heretick, and excommunicate; and so delivered him to the sheriff of London. Present, and witnesses at this time, were Thomas Duke of Norfolk, the Lord Wharton, the Lord Lumley; Leonard Chamberlayn and Robert Drury, Knights; Tho. Husey, John Vaughan, Tho. Martyn, Esqrs.; R. (it may be, Edward) Wotton and John Warner, Doctors in Physic; Hugh Coren, David Poole, Nicolas Harpestfield, Doctors of Law; Tho. Watson, John Seton, Doctors of Divinity; Philip Morgan, John Boxal, Seth Holland, Bachelors in Divinity; Richard Chandler, Archdeacon of Sarum, and very many others. And thus they made a riddance of Dr. Taylor.

Let me here add this note of this reverend man at parting, which Dr. Turner, Dean of Wells, his countryman, and spiritual father in Christ, wrote of him to Mr. Fox: "Doctor Taylerus, qui Hadlæi exustus est, &c. Doctor Taylor, who was burnt at Hadley, was born in Northumberland, in the town of Rothbury, not far from Riddisdale. With this man I lived for many years in great familiarity (in the university, as it seems) and often and earnestly admonished him to embrace the evangelical doctrine; and that he might the easier be brought to think as we did, I privately got him the book called *Unio Dissidentium*, by which, and the Sermons of Latymer, he was taken, and easily came over to our doctrine."

The other was Lawrence Saunders, a learned also and holy divine; whom Archbishop Cranmer had

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placed rector of Alhallows, Bread-street, in London, not long before. Him the aforesaid bishop had counselled by many reasons to reconcile himself, and return to the unity of the catholick church; but because he obeyed not this advice, the bishop proceeded, according to his method, to object against him, That he had in his diocese, and in many other places, asserted, preached, and published, that in the eucharist there is not, indeed, the true and natural body and blood of Christ, and that there is material bread and material wine there only. To which objection the said Lawrence answered affirmatively, and that he had subscribed such an article before the Bishop of London; and did also publicly affirm, that he would defend and maintain whatsoever he had hitherto preached in that behalf. Moreover, the Bishop of Winton objected to him, That yesterday, and that present day, between his coming thither and going back, he used a seditious exhortation to the people, saying to them, *That if an angel of heaven come amongst you, and preach and teach you otherwise than I have done, of the sacrament, believe him not.* Which Saunders did not deny, but said, *I did but speak my conscience.* After much dispute, and many exhortations given him by the bishop, the definitive sentence was read also against him, and he was condemned for an obstinate heretick, and delivered to the secular power.

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A further relation of Mountain's troubles.

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sent to  
Cambridge

TO these four before mentioned, I add a fifth persecuted London preacher, namely Mountain, of whom something has been said under the last year. Then we left him in the Marshalsea; but being reported to have been with the Duke of Northumberland in Cambridge, when he went to oppose Queen Mary,

it was thought convenient by Chancellor Gardiner to send him to be tried at the assizes there. Of whose journey thither, and what befel him, and his deliverance after much trouble, I had rather the reader should take from Mountain's own narration, which was as follows:

“ There (in the Marshalsea) I remained, until such tyme as my lord chancellor sent a writ to remove me from thence to Cambridge castel. And, over night, I had warning to prepare my self against the next day in the morning: short warning I had, but there was no remedy. In the morning I made me ready betimes, and reckoned with my keeper; went down and took my leave of all my fellow-prisoners, with the rest of my friends, moving them and exhorting them, as the time did serve, to be constant to the truth, to serve God and fear him, and to be obedient unto the death, and not to resist the higher powers; having always with you the testimony of a good conscience, believing that Jesus of Nazareth was crucified for your sins, letting all other trash and trumpery go: yea, and though an angel should come from heaven, and preach any other gospel unto you, than that which we have preached already in the days of King Edward, believe him not, but hold him accursed. For there is a way which some men think to be right, but the end thereof leadeth unto death. Christ is therefore your only way and mean unto God the Father: he is truth and life; he is alone our mediator and advocate, sitting at the right-hand of his Father. It is he, as St. Paule saith, that is our only redemption, salvation, justification, and reconciliation. Take you heed, therefore, my dear brethren, lest you be abused and led away from the truth by false prophets. Let them not make you to shoot at a wrong mark; for they only labour to make shipwrack of your faith, and to bring you to perdition. You see what a sort of grievous wolves are already entred in among Christ's flock to devour them.

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leave of the  
prisoners.



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“ Stay there, Sir, I pray you, and make an end, said the under-marshal ; you have talked long enough, I trow, if that be good. To whom I said, Sir, I thank you most heartily for your gentleness, in that you have so patiently suffered me freely thus to speak, and to take my leave of this house. I trust I have not spoken any thing here, in your presence, that hath offended other God or any good man. Wel, said he, dispatch, I pray you, for the writ is come, and they tary for you at the door. With that I fell prostrate to the ground, and said, O ! heavenly Father, if it be thy blessed will and pleasure, deliver me out of this trouble, and suffer me not to be tempted above my strength, I beseech thee ; but in the midst of the temptation make such a way for my deliverance, as shall be most to thy glory, my comfort, and the edifying of my brethren. Nevertheless, thy wil be don, and not mine. Give me patience, O Father, for Christ’s sake. To this they al said, *Amen*. So I kissed the earth, and rose up, bidding them al farewell, desiring them to pray for me, and not to forget what I had said unto them, as they would answer afore God.

A charge  
given him  
from the  
under-mar-  
shal.

“ Then went I out of the doors, finding there, between the gates, six tal men in blew coats, with swords and bucklers, and javelins in their hands ; and one of them brought unto me a gelding, desiring me to light on him quickly, for the day is far spent, said he. Content I am so to do. And being on horseback, one, of good wil, brought me a cup of wine to comfort me with : so I took it, and drank to all the people that were present there, and thanked them al heartily for their gentlenes. The under-marshal then took me fast by the hand, and rounded me in the ear, saying thus : Sir, I am commanded by my lord chancellor to charge you in the king and queen’s name, that you do keep your tongue as you do ride thorow the city, and quietly to pas the same, as you will answer to the contrary before the council. And thus much more I say unto you, I fear I shal hear of

this day's work for your sake. Nevertheless, God strengthen you in that same truth whereunto he hath called you : for I perceive, and also believe, that you are in the right way. Fare you wel, for I dare stand no longer with you : pray for me, and I will pray for you. And thus we parted at ix. of the clock in the forenoon. 1554.

“ Then three of them rid afore me, and the other three behind me, til I came to Ware; and then we alighted at the sign of the Crown, and I was brought into a fair parlar, a great fire made afore me, and a table covered. They asked me, if that I were not weary and a hungred? Not greatly, said I. Wel, said they, cal for what you wil, and you shal have it, if it be to be gotten for gold; for so are we commaunded, and be of good cheer, for God's sake; I trust you shal have none other cause. So down I sat at the board, said grace, and made, as I thought, a good meal; and, so far as I remember, the reckoning came to an eight or nine shillings, beside our horsemeat. So grace being said, and the table taken up, the chieftest of these six serving-men said unto me, Sir, how are you minded now? Any otherwise than you were when you came out of London? No truly, said I : I thank God, I am even the same man now that I was then; and I trust in God so to remain unto the end, or els I would be sory, and also ashamed. And I tel you true, that *I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to as many as do believe.* And to tell you further, *if this gospel be hid, it is hid from those that shal perish:* for unto the good it is the savour of life unto life; and unto the wicked and ungodly, it is the savour of death unto death. Take you al heed therefore, dearly beloved, beware in time, lest both you and your teachers have their portion in the fiery lake among the hypocrits, *where there is weeping, wayling, and gnashing of teeth;* wheras the worm of conscience shal never dy, but you to dwel in pain so long as God raigneth in glory. O!

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His good discourse to those that guarded him.

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1554. what should it profit a man to have this whole world at wil, and to leese his own soul? And when it is lost, wherewithal wil you redeem it again? I tel you, this is no massing matter; neither yet wil any pardons, purgatory, or pilgrimages, serve your turn. No, and my lord chancellor, or the pope himself should say mas for one of you, and sing trentals for you, it would not go for payment before God: for, as the prophet David saith in the Psalm, ‘There is no man that can make agreement to God for his brother: he must let that alone, for it cost more than so.’—And, ‘If one man sin against another, days-men may be judges; but if a man sin against the Lord, who will be his days-man?’——‘You are dearly bought (saith St. Peter), not with corruptible gold and silver, pearl, or precious stone, but by the most precious and innocent blood-shedding of Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God.’

Proceeds  
in his jour-  
ney from  
Ware.

“Then said they one to another, never let us talk any longer with him: it is but lost labour; you see that he is at a point; there is no good to be don of him; I perceive that he will dy in his opinions. Yea, said I, I trust in God so; for it is written, ‘Happy and blessed are al they that dy in the Lord;’ for they shall be certain and sure of a joyful resurrection. Arise, therefore, I pray you, and let us be going. So to horseback we went, a great number of people being in the yard and in the streets, to see and behold me the poor prisoner, that came from London. Every man spake their fancy, and some brought me wine to comfort me with; for the which I gave them most hearty thanks, desiring them al to pray for me, and I would pray for them. And thus with tears of all hands we parted from Ware, and so came to Royston to our bed: wheras they made me great cheer, and spared for no cost.

Comes to  
Royston.

Tempted  
to relent.

“Then they once again did assault me, desiring me to write my mind to my lord chancellor, or to some other of the council, whom I would, and they would deliver it with speed. And if that you wil so



do, we will send one of our company to carry the same, and we wil tary here stil, while that he bring word again what the council's pleasure is. To whom I answered, I thank you for your good-wil; I intend never to write unto any of the council, while I live, for this matter; and therefore, I pray you, content yourselves, and cease your suite so often attempted, for you do but strive against the stream; for I se that you are not with Christ, but against Christ. You savour of earthly things, and not of heavenly; you go about to hinder my health and salvation laid up in Christ, and to pluck down what God hath builded. You know not what you do; and therefore, once again, I pray you heartily, leave off, and take in good part what I have said already, and so judge al to the best. Wel, sayd they one to another, it were good that my lord chancellor did know al his sayings: one of us must tell him by word as wel as we can. They were not yet agreed then who should tel the tale. Then desired they me to go up to my lodging, where there was a great fire made ready against I came, and al other things very sweet and clean: so, in the name of God, to bed I went, and al they six watched me that night at the doors, being fast locked upon me, and they keeping the keys themselves: they might go out, but no man could come in to them without their leave.

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His constancy.

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“ In the morning they called me very early, and willed me with speed to make me ready to horseback; for, said they, we must ride to the high sheriff's to dinner. Who is that, said I, and where doth he dwell? Eight miles beyond Huntington, said they, and his name is Sir Oliver Leader, a man of much worship, and one that keepeth a good house. The poor shal fair the better therby, said I. So when we came to Huntington, they made me to drink; and we came to the sheriff's house even as the tables were covered. Then they hearing the prisoner was come from London, there was no smal ado. Word was caryed to the church, where Sir Oliver was at mass, and it was no need to entreat him to come; for, with

Sir Oliver  
Leader,  
the high  
sheriff,  
takes him  
into cus-  
tody.

1554. speed, both he and my lady his wife departed out of the church, and the parish followed them like a sort of sheep, staring and wondering at me. The sheriff gently took me by the hand, and led me into a fair parlar, desiring me to stand to the fire and to warm me; for we were al thorow wet with raine, snow, and hayle. Then to dinner we went, and great cheer I had, with many welcomes, and oftentimes drank to, both by the sheriff himself and the rest, his friends.

His great  
civility to  
him.

“ When dinner was done, into the parlar I was called, and a great sort of gentlemen being there set on the one side, and gentlewomen on the other side, with my lady the sheriff’s wife; then Mr. Sheriff said unto the knight marshal’s men, Where is the writ that you have brought as touching the receipt of this prisoner? Here it is, Sir, said one of them. So he received it; and when he had read it, he took me by the hand again, and said, that I was welcome. I thanked him for his gentle friendship. Then called he for a pair of indentures: so they were brought in and read; that don, one of them was given to the knight marshal’s man, and the other the sheriff kept.

The mar-  
shal’s men  
take their  
leave of  
him.

“ Then the knight marshal’s man took me by the hand, and said to the sheriff, Sir, I do here, in the presence of al these people, deliver this prisoner unto you, and your mastership from henceforth to stand charged with him; and my master, Sir Thomas Holdcroft, the knight marshal, doth acquit himself of the said prisoner, called Thomas Mountain. And with that he delivered him both me and the indenture. Then the sheriff said unto him, I do here receive that same prisoner so called, and discharge your master of him; and so took me by the hand, and delivered unto him his indenture. Al this was done with great solemnity. Then was there a cup of wine called for, and the sheriff began unto me, and willed me to drink to the marshal’s men, and so I did. Then they took their leave of the sheriff, and so went their ways, bidding me farewell, saying unto me, There is remedy enough yet, Mr. Mountain, if that

you will take heed in time. God be with you al, said I, and I thank you. Have me commended, I pray you, unto your master, and to the rest of al my friends; and so we parted. 1554.

“ Then the sheriff caused 4 or 5 horse to be made ready; in the mean time he caused one of his men to make ready the warrant to the keeper of Cambridge castel. Nevertheles, my lady, his wife, laboured very earnestly to her husband for me, that I might not go to Cambridge castel, being so vile a prison: but that I might remain in their own house as a prisoner. Madam, said he, I pray you be contented; if I should so do, I know not how it would be taken. You know not so much as I do in this matter; but what friendship I can shew him, he shal surely have it for your sake, and for his own too; for I have known him long, and am very sory for his trouble. So I thanked him for his gentlenes. By this time al things were in a readiness. Then he himself, and my lady, brought me to the utter gate; he willed me to be set on his own gelding, gave me a cup of wine, took me by the hand, and bad me farewell; desiring me to be of good cheer. Sent by the high sheriff to Cambridge castle. p. 188.

“ So to Cambridge I came, and at the town’s end there met me one Kenrick, who a little before had been a prisoner in the Marshalsea, as I my self was; but our causes not like: his was plain felony, and so proved; and mine was treason and heresy, as they called it. O! Mr. Mountain, sayd he, with a lowd voice, what makes you here? I perceive now, that it is true that I have heard.—What is that, said I?—Truly, said he, that you be come hither to be burned. This is a sharp salutation, Mr. Kenrick, said I, and it is more than I do know of; and if it be so, God strengthen me in his truth, and his wil be don upon me; for I trust that I am his. Then rid we into the town, to an inn called The Griffin, because the keeper was not at home; where I alighted, and went up to a chamber, my head being than somewhat troubled with Kenrick’s sodain salutation afore men- Comes to Cambridge. Expects to be burned.



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tioned. I called Mr. Sheriff's men, and said unto them, Avoyd the people, I pray you, out of the chamber, and lock the doors; for I have somewhat to say unto you. When this was done, I sat down, and said unto them, Dear friends, a question I have here to move unto you; wherein I shal desire you to be plain with me, and not to dissemble, even as you wil answer afore God at the last day; afore whom both you and I shal stand, and there to render up our accounts. Tel me; therefore, I pray you, what order hath Mr. Sheriff taken with you, as touching the day and time when I shal suffer; and what kind of death it is that I shal die? and, in so doing, you shall much pleasure me, and cause me to be in a great readiness, whensoever I shal be called. Then one of them, whose name was Calton, said unto me, Sir, you need not to fear. For if there were any such thing, you should have knowledg of it, as meet it were. But our master willed us, and also commaunded us, that we should gently use you, and also commaunded the keeper to do the same.

Committed  
to the jail.

“ Then called they for meat and wine, and when we had wel refreshed us, we went up to the castel, where they called for the keeper; but he was not within. Then delivered they the warrant unto the keeper's wife, saying thus, Goodwife Charlys, my master hath sent your husband a prisoner here, and his plesure is, that you should entreat him wel, and se that he lack nothing, and also to have the liberty of the yard; and so took they their leave of me, and went their ways. Then the keeper's wife led me up through the sessions hal, and there she locked me up under 4 or 5 locks; and at night, very late, the keeper came home, and up he came unto me, I being in bed, and said unto me, Sir, you are welcome hither; are you come to be nursed? To whom I said, I am sent hither unto this jayl by the queen's council; and what you are I know not as yet: I think that you be the keeper. So I am indeed, said he, and that shal you know or it be long. Wel, I trust, Mr. Keeper, to

Discourse  
between  
him and  
the keeper.  
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find favour at your hand, and I beseech you be good unto me; for I have lain long in prison. What is your name? said he. My name is Thomas Moun-  
tain, said I. Nay, said he, you have another name. Not that I do know of, said I. Then he looked in my purse what mony I had, and took it with him; also my coat, my boots and spurs, and so bad me good night; and I said, Good night, mine host. I am content, said he, to be your host to night, to morrow you shal have a new. 1554.

“ Here I called to my remembrance the saluta-  
tions given unto me at the town’s end, by the afore-  
named Kenrick: so I rise up, cast my cloke about  
me, and kneeled down, crying out unto Almighty  
God, desiring him of his great infinite mercy and  
goodness, for Jesus Christ’s sake, to comfort me with  
his Holy Spirit in that agony, and not to forsake me  
in mine old age, being so sore assaulted of the subtil  
devil, flattering world, and the weak flesh, that I had  
wel nigh slipt, as David the holy prophet said; and  
when the dead time of the night came, nature requir-  
ing rest, and I feeling in my self in short time so great  
quietness, through the mighty mercies of my Lord  
God, who had sent me so sweet a calin after so  
cruel and stormy a tempest, said thus, *Soli Deo honor  
et gloria*: the Lord’s name be praised from the rising  
up of the sun, until the going down of the same;  
and into thy merciful hands do I commend my soul,  
trusting not to dy, but to live for ever in the land of  
the living. For thy Spirit, O Lord, hath so certified  
me, that whether I live or dy, stand or fal, that I am  
thine? and therefore thy blessed wil be don upon me.  
This don, I layd me down upon my bed, and slept  
until five o’clock in the morning. Rises and prays.

“ And then the keeper came and opened the door,  
bad me good morrow, and asked me, And I were  
ready? Wherunto, said I? To suffer death, said  
the keeper. What kind of death, said I, and when  
shal it be? Your time is neer at hand, said he, and  
that is to be drawn and hanged as a traitor, and burnt  
The next morning the jailer bids him prepare to suffer.

1551. as an heretic; and this must be don even this foorenoon: look wel to your self, therefore, and say that you be friendly used. Your friendship, Mr. Charlys, is but hard and scarce, in giving me this *Scarborow* warning; but give me leave, I pray you, friendly to talk with you, and be not offended with what I shal say unto you: this tale that you have told me, is it true indeed? Yea, said he, and that you are like for to know: dispatch therfore, I pray you, with speed. Contented I am with al my heart so to do. Where is the writ of execution? let me se it I pray you. I have none, said he; this is more than needs; for I am to be trusted, and it were for a greater matter than this. Sir, I pray you, be contented, for in this thing I wil not trust you, because it is a matter of life and death, it standeth me upon: is the high sheriff, Sir Oliver Leader, come in the town to se execution? No, said he. Is the under sheriff, his deputy, here to se it? No, said he. Is there any private commandment come from the queen's council, or els any letters sent of late for that purpose? No, said he; but you do al this for no cause els than to prolong the time. No, said I; as I am born to dy, contented I am so to do, when God wil; but to be made away after such slight, I would be very loth; and therefore, if that you have nothing to show for your discharge, according as I have required of you, I tel you true, that I will not dy. Take you good heed therfore to your self, and look that I miscary not; for if that ought come unto me but good, you and yours are like to know the price of it: be you wel assured thereof. When did you se any man put to death before he was condemned to dy. That is true, said he. And are you not condemned? No, said I, that am I not; neither yet ever arraigned at any sessions. Then, said he, I have been greatly misenformed: I cry you mercy; for I had thought that you had been both arraigned and also condemned to dy, being sent hither for to suffer in this place, because that you were here against the queen with the Duke

The jailer  
would have  
executed  
him with-  
out any  
writ.



of Northumberland. Wel, said I, those matters have been already sufficiently answered before your 1551.  
 betters.

“ But I pray you, Sir, and a man might ask you, whose man are you, or to whom do you belong? Mary, said he, I am not ashamed of my master; I would thou shouldst know it, as thou art: my Lord Chancellor of England is my master, and I am his man. I thought such a matter, said I: the old proverbe is true, I perceive; for *such a master, such a servant*; and is this my lord of Winchester’s livery that you wear now? Yea, said he. And is this the best service you can do my lord your master? Fy, for shame! fy! Wil you follow now the bloody steps of that wicked man, your master? who is unworthy, before God I speak it, both of the name and place that he hath, and is called unto. What should move you for to handle me after this sharp sort, as you have don; so spitefully, being here not yet three days under your keeping? Wil you become a tormentor of God’s people and prophets? Wil you now cease from killing of bullocks, calves and sheep, which is your occupation, being a butcher, and give over yourself most cruelly, to serve your master’s turn, in shedding of innocent blood? O man! with what a heavy heart may you lay yourself to sleep at night, if that God of his great mercy do suffer you to live so long, in this your so wicked attempt and enterprize? I speak not this of any hatred that I bear unto you, as God knoweth my heart; but I speak it of good wil, that you might be called unto a better remembrance and knowledge of your duty, both towards God and your Christian brother.

Winches-  
 ter, the  
 keeper’s  
 master.

The keeper  
 a butcher.

“ Let it therfore repent you, dear brother keeper, and know how dangerous a thing it is for a man to fall into the hands of the living God; and how it is said, that blood requireth blood. And if you wil not believe me, set that terrible example of cursed Cain before your eyes, who slew his own dear brother Abel most unnaturally, like a beastly man; and afterward

Expostu-  
 lates with  
 his keeper.

1551. wandred up and down like a vagabond on the face of the earth, seeking rest, peace and quietnes, and could never attain unto it; so that at the last, in most desperate words, he burst forth, and said, O! wretch that I am! I said unto the Lord, when he called me to account for my brother's death, and answered, that I was not his keeper. But shortly after I perceived, that the shedding his blood cryed to God for vengeance to fall upon me for so doing; and now I perceive that my sins be greater than the mercy of God is able to forgive. If this will not move your
- p. 191. hard and stony heart to repentance, then think of that traitor Judas, which for lucre sake betrayed his own Master, as he confessed himself, when the worm of conscience troubled him, saying to the high priest, 'I have betrayed the innocent blood, take, there is money, for I will none of it.' And then it was too late; so to shorten his own days, he most desperately went and hung himself: so that he burst asunder in the midst, his bowels hanging about his belly. O most terrible examples! left written in the holy scriptures, that we thereby might take heed and beware never to do the like, lest we speed in reward as they did. From the which God defend us for Jesus Christ's sake.

Converts  
his keeper.

“*Amen*, said the keeper, with weeping tears; and, Sir, I beseech you once again, even for God's sake, to forgive me; and I ask God heartily mercy for the great mischief that I purposed in my heart against you. I perceive that you, and such other as you, be other manner of men, than we and our betters take you to be: I perceive that the blind doth eat many a fly: God, and it be his blessed wil, make me one of your sort; and look, that what I can do for you, you shall be assured of it. Come down with me, I pray you, into the yard. So I went with him; and when he came down, all the yard was full of people. What meaneth this people, said I to the keeper. All these are come, said he, to see you suffer death: there be some here, that are come as far as Hengston:

People  
flock to  
see him  
die.

but I trust their coming shall be in vain: be you of good cheer. Then go your way, said I, and gently desire them for to depart; and tel them, it is no reason any man should suffer death before that he be condemned, and so you shall easily avoyd them; and I wil go up again, til you have done. 1554.

“ When they were al gon, the keeper called me down to dine with him at his own table; and dinner being ended, we fell in talk again; and so, from time to time, had many conferences together, and I began to grow in great credit with him: insomuch, that whensoever he rid forth about any business, he committed al the charge of the whole house unto me, prisoners and al; and laboured unto the high sheriff for me, that I might be delivered. Notwithstanding, I remained there prisoner half a year in much misery, having sometime meat, and sometime none: yea, and many times glad when I might get a peny loaf, and my glas ful of fair water, up to my lodging, being fast locked up every night. And at midnight alway, when they searched the prisoners’ rooms, then one should come and knock at my door, and ask me if I were within? To whom I answered always, here I am, Mr. Keeper. Good night then, said he, and so they would go their ways. In favour with the jailer.

“ Now on a certain day, being mery, he brought home with him to se me, divers honest men of the town, among whom there was one, that I never saw before, nor he me, called Mr. Segar, a beerbrewer, dwelling at Magdalen Bridg, whose heart God had opened above the rest, to shew mercy unto me; for he knew that the keeper would do much at his request. So that, or ever he went away, he promised him payment for my diet; desiring him to shew me favour for his sake, and I wil be bound for him, he shal be true prisoner. Al this pleased Charlys the keeper wel; and it was no grief at al to me to hear this bargain made between them. For otherwise, said I, it was not unlike but that I should have perished here, for lack of comfort. And here is not to The gracious providence of God towards him.



1554. be forgotten of my part, the mighty and fatherly providence of God, who never faileth any man that truly puts his trust in him. Who can kil him, Mr. Charlys, whom God will keep alive, may I say now; and who can deliver him whom God wil destroy? His great power delivered me once out of the lions' den, as he did his holy prophet Daniel, so I trust that he wil deliver me here out of al my troubles, if he so se it good; if not, his wil be don. And thus we parted for that time; my keeper being glad of these good assurances; I taking patiently mine indurance and my surety, hoping for my deliverance.

The coun-  
cil's order  
concerning  
him.

The sheriff  
offers him  
liberty if  
he will  
comply.

“ After this, within short time, the high sheriff sent for me home to his house beyond Huntington, to se whether I would relent or no: telling me, that he had written up to the council for me; and that it was their pleasure that I should be delivered, if that I would be a conformable man to the queen's proceedings, and forsake heresy, or els to remain in prison until the next sessions of gaol delivery. For your good-will do I thank your mastership most heartily; and wel contented I am so to remain as a prisoner, rather than to give over my faith for this vain life, which is but short. Wel, said he, I perceive that you are no changeling. You shal therefore return to the place from whence you came, and there abide your trial. So we took our leave of him, and came our ways back again to Huntington; and there we lay al that night, I having upon one of mine armes a great braslet of iron, of four fingers broad, fast locked on, and a fine chain of three yards long joyned thereunto. And being bid to supper of one Thomas Whype, merchant of London, with others, my keeper was desired to ease me for the time, and they would be bound for me, and he to be wel recompenced for so doing. This desire of my friends was scarce wel liked of my keeper, because they were Londoners: and graunt it he would not in no wise. So when supper was don, to our chamber we went; and anon comes in a smith with a hammer

and a great staple: make you ready, said the keeper, 1554.  
I pray you, and go to bed. So I layd me down upon my bed. Then he called the smith unto him, and said, make fast the staple and the chain together, and drive them fast in to some part of the bedsted: for I have heard, said he, *Fast bind, fast find*. Then he looked behind al the painted cloths, to se if there were any mo doors into the chamber than one: that don he locked the door, and cast the key out of the window to the good man of the house, desiring him to keep it safe til the morning. Smal rest I took that night; I was so sore wrung about my wrist, that the blood was ready to spin out at my fingers' ends. So, early in the morning we rise, and took our horse, and came to Cambridge castel to dinner: and then my braslet was taken off mine arme.

“ In August following was the sessions. Unto Answers at the sessions. the which came my Lord Chief Justice of England; one that before was Recorder of London, and called Mr. Brook. With him there sat Sir Thomas Dier, Sir Clement Higham, Sir Oliver Leader, high sheriff, Mr. Griffin, the queen's solicitor, Mr. Burgain, and a number of gentlemen mo. Now when they were come to the sessions hal, and there set, the keeper was commaunded to bring in his prisoners. I being first called for by name: then on went my braslet again: and there a priest called Thomas Willyard, vicar of Babram, was fast locked unto me. We twain went foremost, and stood at the bar. Then said my lord chief justice unto me, Sir, what make you here? Are you not a Londoner? Yes, and it like your lordship. How long have you been prisoner? Half a year, my lord. Who sent you hither? Forsooth, my lord, that did the council. Then said the high sheriff, My lord, this is the man that I told your lordship of: I beseech you be good lord unto him, for he hath been as quiet a prisoner as ever came within this jayl, and hath used himself as honestly towards his keeper. You speak wel for him, said my lord. Stand aside a while, til you be called.

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1554. In the mean time Mr. Griffin had a cast at me, saying thus: Thou art both a traitor and an heretic. No, and it like your worship, I am neither of both. Is not thy name Mountain? Yes, forsooth; I will never deny it. And art not thou he, that my lord chancellor sent hither with a writ? I am the same man. Wel, said he, if thou be not hanged, I have marvel; thou wilt scape narrowly I believe. Sir, I perceive that thou art my heavy friend: I beseech you be good master unto me: I have layn this three (quarters of a) year in prison in irons. Never was there any man that laid any thing to my charge: then he called for the writ; to whom the high sheriff said, that he had forgotten to bring it with him. O! wel, said Sir Oliver, you are a good man, I warrant you. This man was not brought hither for building of churches, I dare say, nor yet for saying of our Lady-Psalter. Indeed, Sir, these be things that I cannot wel like of.

Lord chief  
justice  
calls him  
to his trial.

None come  
in against  
him.

Ordered to  
find sure-  
ties.

“ Then my lord chief justice called me to the bar again, and caused proclamation to be made, that whosoever could lay ought to my charge to come in, and he should be heard, or els the prisoner to stand at his deliverance. This was don thrice, and no man came in to give evidence against me. Then said my lord chief justice unto the whole bench, I se no cause why but that this man may be delivered upon sureties, to be bound to appear at the next sessions here holden, of gaol delivery: for you se, that there is no man cometh in to lay any thing to his charge: we cannot but, by the law, deliver him, proclamation being once made, and no man coming in against him. What say you, Mr. Mountain, can you put in sureties, here before the queen's justices, to appear before us here at the next sessions? And if that you can so do, pay the charges of the house, and God be with you: if not, then must you needs remain stil unto the next sessions. What say you? Have you any sureties ready? No, and it like your lordship, I have none ready; but if it please you to



be so good lord unto me, as to give me leave, I trust in God to find sureties. Wel, said my lord, go your ways, make as good speed as you can; for we must away. Then he commanded the keeper to strike off my irons: that don, I was turned out of the gate to seek my venture; without any keeper at al, go where I would. And when I came abroad, I was so sore amazed, that I knew not where to become. At last I took the way into the town, and there I met a man unknown to me, who was not a little joyful when he saw me at liberty, saying unto me, Are you clean discharged from your bonds? No, said I, I lack two sureties. Truly, said he, I wil be one, God willing: and I wil se, if that I can get another to be bound with me. So we met with another honest man, called Mr. Blunt.

“ And having these twain, I gave thanks to God for them, and with speed returned back again to the castle. And as I went, there met me two Essex men, which came to seek me themselves, to enter into bonds for me. I gave them most hearty thanks for their gentle offer, and told them, that God had raised up a couple for me already. We are glad of it, said they; yet we wil go with you, lest you do lack. And as I entred into the castel-yard, the judges were arising, and they seing me coming, sat down again. Then said my lord chief justice, have you brought in your sureties? Yea, and it like your lordship: here they be. Let me se them, said he. Then they al four stood forth, and shewed themselves unto my lord. He said unto them, are you contented to enter into bonds for this man? Yea, my lord, said they, if it please you to take us. Wel, said he, two of you shal serve. There were standing by two brethren: and they hearing my lord say, that two would serve, went with speed to him that writ the bond, and caused him to put in their names in *iiii. liiiid.* for each of them: saying thus the one to the other, Let us not only bayl him out of bonds, but also relieve

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Strangers  
become his  
sureties.

Bailed.

1554. him with such part as God hath lent us. And so they did, I praise God for it.

Dis-  
charged ;  
at which  
the people  
shout,

“ And when the people saw and understood that I was clearly discharged out of bonds, there was a great shout made among them ; such joy and gladness was in their hearts, as might right wel appear, for my deliverance. Then came Mr. Segar, of whom I have spoken a little before, and he payd al maner of charge that could be desired of the keeper for the time of my being there : and, that don, had me home to his own house, wheras I had good entertainment. And after that I had remained there a fortnight, I took my leave, and so came to London.”

## CHAP. XXIV.

What befel Mountain after his deliverance from prison; of his great dangers, and of his escape beyond sea.

A further  
prosecu-  
tion of  
Mountain's  
story.

**H**AVING thus far told the stories of this good man's sufferings, and brought him unto his delivery out of them, and shewn the kindness of the common people towards him, who generally loved the Reformation, and the preachers of it, I cannot leave him, till we have heard what further befel him, and have shewn the unsatiable malice of Bishop Gardiner against him : relating withal, his great dangers, and his escape beyond sea, and what course he took there for a livelihood. And all this I shall pursue out of his own Commentaries, as I have done before.

Mountain, being newly arrived in the city, had the satisfaction of seeing King Philip and Queen Mary, the cardinal and the chancellor ride in great state through the streets (an account whereof was given before) placing himself at Soper Lane-end in Cheapside ; where some of the said bishop's servants espied him ; which created him new troubles, as we shall see by and by.

“ When al this sight was past (for we now use his own words) I went my ways. For, as yet, I durst not go home to mine own house. And at night, when the bishop came home, one of his spials told him, that he saw me stand in Cheapside when the queen rid through the city. Here he fel into such a great rage, as was told me by one of his own men, as was unseeming for a bishop; and with great speed sent for the knight marshal. And when he came, he said unto him, Mr. Holcroft, how have you handled yourself in your office? Did not I send unto you one Mountain, that was both a traitor and an heretic, to this end, that he should have suffered death? And this day the villain knave was not ashamed to stand openly in the street, looking the prince in the face: mine own men saw him. I would counsil you to look him up, and that there be diligent search made for him this night in the city, as you wil answer afore the council. Al this shal be don, and it like your honor; and I trust there shal be no fault found in me. Away then, said the bishop, about your business.

1554.  
Winches-  
ter orders  
the knight  
marshal to  
make  
search for  
him.

“ Then came there one that was secretary unto the knight marshal, who willed me with speed to depart out of the city: for this night, saith he, shal the city be searched for you: and if you be taken, surely ye dy for it. Thus fare you wel. God deliver you out of their hands, if it be his wil. Then went I over into Southwark, and there lay al night. In the morning I rose early, took a boat, and went to Limehouse; and so from thence to Colchester: and there took shipping, thinking to have gon into Zealand, and so up to the High Country: but we were so weather-beaten, that of force we were glad to return back again. And this voyage was thrice attempted, and always put back; and, at the last time, we were cast a-land at St. Osith's: wheras I durst not long tary, because of my Lord Darcy, who lay there, having a strait commission sent to him from Queen Mary to make diligent search for one, called

Of which  
Mountain  
bath no-  
tice, and  
flees.

Takes ship,  
but beat  
back.

St Osith's.  
Flits from  
place to  
place.



1554. *Trudge over the World*, and for all such like as he was. So that I was fain to fly to a little parish called Hemsted, thinking there for to have had some rest; but the search was so strait, that at midnight, I having almost too short warning, was fain with great speed to fly unto Dedham Heath, and to take my coat in my neck, having an honest man with me, who had a forest bil on his back; and with the same he cut down a great sort of brakes, and that was my bed for a time: and whensoever I might get into an hayloft, I thought myself happy, and wel to be lodged.

Gets to an honest man's house in Colchester. "At the last I was housed, I thank God, with an honest man; but having a wicked servant, not loving the gospel, the said servant went and complained of his master to the bailiff and constables, saying unto them, that there was an heretic in his master's parlor. How know you that? said they. Take heed of what thou sayst: thy master is an honest man; and thou seest how troublesome a time it is; and if we, upon thy report, should go search his house, and not find it so, what art thou worthy to have for slaundering thy master? Tush, saith he, I am sure it is so; for the house is never without one or other: and most chiefly when there is a fire in the parlor; and, therefore, I know by the smoke, that there is one indeed. So the officers willed him to go about his business: for, said they, we wil prove it at night. In the mean time, they did his master to understand what his man had said unto them, and friendly bad him take heed, for they would search his house that night. And so they did indeed, but the birds were flown. The next day the officers took his man, and set him in the stocks, to teach him to speak good of his master, and not to accuse him, and bring the smoke for a witness against him.

Justice Brown comes to Colchester to persecute. "Now while I was seeking a corner to hide my head in, Justice Brown, that dwelleth beside Burntwood, cometh him down to Colchester, and there played the devil, by the counsil of one Mr. Tyrrel, and

Mr. Colson, inholder of the same town, and Gylbert, the lawyer; who caused divers honest men to be sent for before the said justice, and sworn upon a book, to bring in the names of al those that were suspected of heresy, as he termed it; and also gave unto the officers a great charge, that from time to time diligent search should be made in every house for al strangers, and to take them and bring them before a justice: for this town, said he, is an harbourer of all hereticks, and ever was. So when he had bound them all in recognizances, he willed them to depart every man home to his house.

“ Then, upon their return, with speed was I conveyed away to London-ward forthwith: and when I came there, I went over into Southwark again, and there lay two days and two nights; and the third night, when it was somewhat dark, I entered into a ship of Antwerp; and so we went down to Gravesend. There they cast anchor, and went al a-land, and left me aboard with a man and a boy. I fearing the searchers, that they would have had me to shore, and there being so wel known as I was, I knew it was the next way to bring me afore a justice to be examined, and so to be returned back again to London; and then, sure I am, that I had dyed for it. I looked in my purse, and there were three pistolets. I took one of them and gave it unto the man that was aboard with me, and desired him to go ashore to the master of the ship, and he to be a mean unto the searchers for me, when they came a shipboard to search. And truly it pleased God so to work in their hearts, that I found great favour at their hands: for when one of them had examined me, and that very straitly, he asked of me, what my name was? Thomas Mountain is my name, said I. I wil never deny it, nor never did, I praise God for it. Nay, said he, that is not your name; for I knew him wel enough. His father and I were servants to King Harry the VIII. and also to King Edward; and I am sure that Richard Mountain's son was burnt since this Queen Mary

1554.

Where-  
upon he  
escapes to  
London.

Enters into  
a ship for  
Antwerp.

The pro-  
vision he  
makes  
against the  
searchers.

1554. came in. Sir, credit me, I pray you, for I am the very same man, that now talk with you. Indeed, God hath mightily dealt with me, and most mercifully hath delivered me from the cruel hands of bloody men. And now, behold ! my life is in your hands. I may not resist you, nor wil not ; but gently submitting myself unto you, desire your lawful favour, that I may pass this port, and God, I trust, that is the high searcher above, and knoweth the secrets of al men's hearts, shal one day reward you openly, according as he hath promised.

The  
searcher  
his friend.

p. 197.

Beard, the  
promoter,  
in the ship  
with him.  
Their dis-  
course.

“ Then began he to water his plants, saying unto me, Sir, I thought once never to have seen you again ; you are grown out of my knowledg. And seing that it is the will of God, that you should not dy by their cruelty, I trust that your blood shall never be required at my hands. I wil not molest you : but this I warn you of in anywise, that you keep yourself as close as you can : for here is one of the promoters, that goeth in the same ship that you go in. Who is that, said I ? It is one Mr. Beard, said he, dwelling in Fleet-street, a merchant tayler. I know him well, said I, and he me. Wel, said he, God be with you, for yonder he cometh, and al the passengers with him, and so we parted, and I went into the master's cabin : and there I lay, til that we were entred the main sea. Then came I forth to refresh myself ; and Beard seeing me, began to blush, saying unto me, Sir, what make you here ? Truly, said I, I am of the same mind that you are of. You know not my mind, said he. Whatsoever yours is, I mean to go to Antwerp, God willing, said I. And so do you, I trow. What will you do there ? said he ; you are no merchant-man, as I am, and the rest that be here. Mr. Beard, what the rest are that be here, I know not ; but as for your merchandize and mine, in some points I think they be much alike. But when that you and I shall meet in the English burse together, you shall see what cheer I can make you. In the mean time let us, as friends, be mery together, I pray you. Nay, said he, I would I had



met you at Gravesend, that I might have made you some good cheer there; but it was not my fortune so to do; and I am very sorry for it, believe me and you will. Sir, I thank God, it is better as it is. I know your cheer wel enough. And then away I went. 1554.

“With that he went down under the hatches, and told al the passengers what a rank heretic I was: for it is marvel, said he, that the ship doth not sink, having so wicked a man in it, as he is; and therefore, good gentlemen, I pray you heartily, take heed and beware of him. I had rather than my velvet coat, that he and I were together at Gravesend again. Then came the merchants up to me, and called for meat and wine, having good store there of their own provision. And they made me great cheer, bidding me in any wise to take heed of Beard. These were merchants of Danske, and had to do here in London with most of the aldermen, unto whom they gave a good report. The merchants in the ship bid him beware of Beard.

“Now I thinking to prevent Beard of further trouble, that by him, and his procurement, might hap unto me upon my arrival at Antwerp, whispered the master in the ear, and desired him heartily to land us at Dunkirk: for I will ride the rest by waggon, God willing; and so shall I be rid of Mr. Beard’s company. I am content, saith the master of the ship; I am weary already, saith he, of his company. ‘The whorson pape shall come no more in mine schepe.’ So to Dunkirk we came, and Beard went first a-land, and bad us al welcome: for, said he, I wil be your steward, and we wil fare wel, if there be any good cheer in the town. Then came we to our hoste’s house; supt al-together. That being don, we went to our lodging: and so it fel out, that Beard and I should ly together; and so did. But before he went to bed, he kneeled him down at the bedside, and made upon his body, as I think, forty crosses, saying as many Ave-Maria’s, but nother Creed nor Pater-noster. Then he shewed us what money he Lands at Dunkirk to avoid Beard.

1554. had ; the which was both gold and silver, and that plenty.

The ship  
departs,  
leaving all  
a-shore.

“ At midnight the master of the ship took his tyde, and went his way. Mr. Beard, up in the morning betime, went down to the waterside to look for the ship, and when he saw it was gon, he came and told us, swearing and chafing like a madman, saying, that King Philip should know it, how he was used. Then sent he al about to know, if any went at the next tyde following. In the mean time I took my waggon, and went my ways ; and that was the last time that ever I saw him. But afterwards I was informed, by credible persons, that he had spent all his mony, both his velvet coat, and also his livery coat, that he had of Queen Mary : and so came home poor and bare, being very sick and weak, and in Holbourn dyed most miserably full of lice. Behold his end ! God grant he dyed his servant. *Amen.*”

Beard's  
miserable  
end.

Arrives at  
Antwerp.

“ Now when as I came to Antwerp, being never there afore, I was amazed, and knew not where to become that night. At last I found out the English house ; and there I was received for a time. After that I took an house in the Ox-mart of a merchant, called Adam Raner, who shewed me much favour : and there I taught a school, for the space of a year and a half, quietly. And then comes over Mr. Hussy, being then governor of the English nation ; and it was given out, that he would suddenly ship, and send away into England, al such as were come over for religion, he naming me himself for one. So with as much speed as I could make, I took waggon and went up to Germany ; and there was, at a place called Duisburgh, a free city, being under the Duke of Cleveland, and there remained until the death of Queen Mary ; and then came back again to Antwerp. And there when I set all my doings in order, I returned home again with joy into England, my native country. In the which God grant his gospel to have free passage, and by the same our lives to be amended. *Amen.*”

Teaches  
school.

Retires to  
Duisburgh.

Returns to  
England.

## CHAP. XXV.

Various memorials of things happening in the months of September, October, November.

**N**OW to recollect some further memorials of these September. times; the most whereof I take from certain authentic MS. diaries, written in those times.

It was observed, that about the 11th or 12th of September, in Ipswich, a flourishing and populous city in Suffolk, containing then eleven parish churches, there were but two priests left to serve them, the rest being either fled or imprisoned. And throughout that whole country were very few priests now remaining, in comparison with the great numbers of towns and parishes. But two priests left in Ipswich.

On the 14th of September three were set on the pillory for playing with false dice, and for deceiving honest men by that means. p. 199. Cheats at dice pillorized.

The 17th of the same came forth a proclamation, That all vagabonds and loiterers, as well English as all manner of strangers, having no masters, should avoid the city and the suburbs forthwith, upon great pains enjoined by law; and that none that kept publick-houses should give entertainment to any serving men, unless they brought testimonials under their masters' hands. Vagabonds to avoid the city.

On the 20th were two men drawn on hurdles unto Tyburn, to execution, for coining of naughty money, and deceiving the queen's subjects therewith. Coiners executed.

On the same day Sampson, Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry, died at his house at Eccleshall, a fine palace, situate about fifteen miles from Litchfield, but now in ruins, demolished in the late civil wars. This bishop had been a student in St. Clement's Ostle, in Cambridge; became dean of St. Stephen's Chapel, in Westminster; and, being King Henry's Sampson, Bishop of Litchfield, dies.



1554. chaplain, wrote a notable book against the pope's supremacy, which that king sent over sea to the pope himself, and to Pole and others, to vindicate himself and his doings, in taking the supremacy to himself. This bishop had been President of Wales under King Henry, but removed from that place under King Edward, who yet employed him sometimes in state business; as, in a commission to meet and treat with the Scots commissioners. In his time, two of the best manors belonging to the bishoprick, viz. Beaudesert and Shutborough, were exchanged for two benefices, which were esteemed as much worth in value as the manors; but the royalty was lost. He made away also the royalty of the city of Litchfield. Beaudesert was conferred upon Sir William Paget, comptroller of the king's household; and being made a baron in the year 1549, he had his title from thence, and called Lord Paget of Beaudesert.

Record.  
Eccles.  
Litchfield.

Dr. Rud  
recants.

September 23, Doctor Rud preached at Paul's Cross, and recanted, repenting that he ever was married; and said openly, that he could not marry by God's law.

Two pillo-  
rized.

September 26, were two young men, apprentices, set on the pillory, and their ears nailed, for speaking seditious and malicious words against the commonwealth. Of such as underwent this kind of punishment now, were more than we meet with in any reign beside; for the government was so uneasy, that people could not forbear opening their mouths sometimes, and for the least words they were presently adjudged to the shame of the pillory, and to the pain of the nailing or cutting off their ears; so the month after this, a woman, for seditious words, was set on the pillory; and a few days after, another person for the like fault, standing there three times.

A Spaniard  
hanged.

September 27. Among others hanged at Tyburn this day, one was a Spaniard; for some barbarous murder, no doubt; for a warning to the rest, who swarmed now in London, and insulted unmeasurably over the English.

The 28th, the king and queen removed from Hampton Court unto Westminster, the queen's place.

1554.  
p. 200.  
The king  
and queen  
at West-  
minster.  
Lord chan-  
cellor  
preaches  
at Paul's  
Cross.

The 30th, it pleased the Bishop of Winchester, lord chancellor, to preach at Paul's Cross; which he did with much applause, before an audience as great as ever was known, and among the rest all the council that were then at court. His text was out of the gospel, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, &c. and thy neighbour as thyself:" where at length, out of his love to his neighbour, he fell foul upon King Edward's preachers, slandering them without measure, as preachers of voluptuousness and blasphemous lies, and that their doctrine was false doctrine, full of perverse zeal, earthly, tending to discord and dissension: then he instanced in some of their doctrines; as, that a man may put away his wife for adultery, and marry another; that if a man vowed to-day, he might break his vow to-morrow; and much more to this purpose. Then descending to the apostacy of the nation, he willed all men to say with Joseph's brethren, *Peccavimus in fratrem: and so have I too*, added he, like a meek, recanting penitent. And lastly, he fell in with the praises of the king and queen, especially of the king, to reconcile the realm the more to this match of his own making; as, that Philip came not hither out of necessity or any need; that he had ten times as much as the English people then were in hope or possession of: all which was so evident, that it was superfluous for him to speak of. As for his accomplishments, they were admirable; being as wise, sober, gentle, and temperate a prince, as ever had been in England: and if he were not so, then they might take him for a false liar, in so saying; exhorting, therefore, all to make much of him (which he saw they had but little stomach to) and to win him, while they had him; and hereby they might win all such as he had brought with him (perhaps he meant his gold.) And so he ended.

1554. October. Many cart-loads of gold sent to the Tower. October 2, twenty carts went from Westminster, laden with wedges of gold and silver, to the Tower, to be coined. So it was commonly reported; but some that looked narrowly into matters, made a question, whether it were bullion, or something else to deceive the people.

The Duke of Norfolk's burial. On the same day was the most noble and high-born Duke of Norfolk buried at Fremingham church, living so long as to be delivered out of a long imprisonment, and to be restored to his liberty with honour. There was at his funeral a goodly herse of wax, with a dozen of banerols of his progeny, twelve dozen of pensils, twelve dozen of escutcheons, with standards, three coats of arms, and a banner of damask, and four banners of images: there were four heralds, and many mourners attending. And after a dinner, a great dole distributed. For the furnishing of which dinner, were killed forty great oxen, and an hundred sheep, and sixty calves, besides venison, swans, and cranes, capons, rabbits, pigeons, pikes, and other provision, both flesh and fish. There was also great plenty of wine, and of beer and bread as great plenty as ever had been known, both for rich and poor: for all the country came thither; and a great deal of money bestowed upon the poorer sort.

p. 201. His Dirige. Three days after, that is, on the 5th day of October, were the obsequies of the said Duke of Norfolk celebrated at St. Mary Overy's; an herse being made with timber and hanged with black, with his arms, and four goodly candlesticks gilded, and as many great tapers standing about it, all the choir hung in black and arms. And the dirge and mass on the morrow was used: at the dirge there went about forty in gowns and coats; after came the Lord Chancellor, chief mourner; next Mr. Comptroller, Mr. George Howard, my Lord Mountague, my Lord Admiral, Lord Bruges, and divers others. And there was great ringing of bells for two days.

A mask at court. In the beginning of this month, on a Sunday, the king and queen danced together, there being a brave



maskery at court, of cloth of gold and silver, appa- 1554.  
relled in mariners' garments; the chief doer where-  
of was thought to be the lord admiral. And upon  
Thursday after, at Smithfield, was *Genoce di Carme*,  
where the king and queen were to be. Now came over  
from the emperor to the king and queen, Don Fer-  
rando Gonsaga, Marquis de Bergos, Count de Horne,  
and Monsieur D'Arras, the emperor's secretary.

October 6, was a Spaniard buried at Westminster, A Spaniard  
buried.  
in the Abbey, with singing performed both by Eng-  
lish and Spaniards, and a hand-bell before ringing;  
every Spaniard holding green torches, and green  
tapers burning, to the number of an hundred.

On the 11th day was the Spaniard's obsequies His obse-  
quies.  
celebrated. There was an herse after the fashion of  
Spain, with black, and a goodly mass of *Requiem*.  
The chapel wherein he was interred hung with black,  
with a banner of arms, and coat of arms, all in gold;  
a target and an helmet, and many escutcheons, and a  
fair herse-cloth of black, and a cross of crimson  
velvet down to the ground.

October 12, the Lord De la Ware, in Sussex, was Lord De  
la Ware's  
funeral.  
buried with standards, banner of arms, &c. There  
were many mourners in black, and a goodly herse of  
wax, and pensils. He was the best housekeeper in  
Sussex in his days; and the greater moan was made  
for him, because he died without issue.

The 14th, being Sunday, the old Bishop of Dur- Bishop of  
Durham  
preaches.  
ham preached in the Shrouds.

The 15th, a servant of Sir George Gifford was A murder  
committed  
by a Spa-  
niard.  
shamefully slain by a Spaniard without Temple-bar,  
near the Strand, about four in the afternoon; and as  
execution was done upon one Spaniard about a month  
before at Tyburn, so on the 26th of this, was this  
murderer hanged, for more terror, at Charing-cross,  
in the very face of the court, though five hundred  
crowns had been offered by the strangers, his country-  
men, to save his life: which, if it had been granted,  
the court, perhaps, considered it might have caused  
an insurrection.

1554.  
Day, the  
printer,  
brought to  
the Tower.

October 16, John Day, late printer to King Edward VI. was now brought out of Norfolk, and committed to the Tower, for printing books unsuitable to the present government, together with his servant, and a priest, and another printer.

King Philip goes to Paul's.

October 18, King Philip came down on horseback from Westminster unto Paul's, with many lords, being received under a canopy at the west end; and the Lord Viscount Mountague bare the sword afore the king. There he heard mass sung by Spaniards, a Spanish bishop celebrating; and after mass, he went back to Westminster to dinner.

p. 202.

Earl of Warwick dies.

October 21, about midnight, died the Earl of Warwick, the eldest son of the late Duke of Northumberland, at Sir Henry Sydney's place in Penshurst, who was nearly related to that family.

Sir Thomas Audely dies.

The 29th, Sir Thomas Audely, a famous captain, was buried in St. Mary Overy's. There attended his funerals the Lord Gray, Lord Fitzwater, and divers other captains, knights, and gentlemen, to the number of sixty, or thereabouts, besides others of less quality.

November.  
A fray between Spaniards and English.

Sunday, November 4, began a great fray at Charing-cross, about eight of the clock at night, between Spaniards and Englishmen; but by some discreet persons interposing, but a few were hurt. And the next day certain who were the beginners of it were taken up; whereof one was a blackmoor, who was brought before the head officers, by the knight marshal's servants.

Priests do penance at Paul's.

On this day certain priests did their penance at Paul's, and went before the procession, each of them in a white sheet, with a taper in one hand, and a white rod in the other: in the procession the bishop came and disciplined them, and then kissed them. Then they stood before the preacher at Paul's Cross till the prayers were made. Then did the preacher disciple them; and so they put off their white vesture, and stood all the rest of the sermon in their own clothes.

November 6, the Earl of Shrewsbury came riding to London, with six score horse, and of gentlemen in velvet caps thirty, to his place in Coleherber, in Thames-street. 1554.  
Earl of Shrewsbury comes to town.

November 7, two men were set on the pillory, citizens, as it seems, of much trade and business, and of quality; for they stood there in their furred gowns. One had a writing over his head, "For falsehood and wilful perjury;" the writing over the other was, "For subtil falsehood and crafty deceit." Two pillorized.

November 9, the Earl of Pembroke came riding to London, against the sitting of the parliament, with two hundred horsemen in velvet coats and chains; the coats with three laces of gold: and sixty residue, in blue coats garded with velvet, and a badge of a green dragon. Earl of Pembroke comes up.

November 11, Pendleton preached at Paul's Cross again, and made a sermon for which he was applauded. Pendleton at Paul's Cross.

November 12, being the first day of the parliament's sitting, the king and queen rode unto Westminster church, to hear the mass of the Holy Ghost; and after mass, to the parliament house, and with them all the bishops and the lords in their parliament robes, with trumpets blowing, and all the heralds in their coat armour, together with the judges in their robes. The Earl of Pembroke bare the king's sword, and the Earl of Cumberland the queen's. The Earl of Shrewsbury bare the king's cap of maintenance, and the Earl of Arundel bare the queen's. And afore them went the lord chancellor and the lord treasurer, in their parliament robes. The king and queen attended to the parliament.

November 13, it was commanded by the Bishop of London, to all clerks in his diocese, to have St. Nicolas, that is, a boy-bishop, in procession, and to go abroad as many as were so minded, according to an old superstition. St. Nicolas's superstition revived.

November 14, St. Erconwald's Day. Now it was commanded, that every priest in the diocese of London should go to Paul's in procession in copes. p 203.  
St. Erconwald's Day



1554.  
Some do  
penance at  
St. Paul's.

The same day Harpsfield preached at Paul's Cross. There five did penance with sheets about them, and tapers and rods in their hands; and the preacher did strike them with a rod; and there they stood till the sermon was done. Then the sumner took away the sheets and the rods from them; and they went into Paul's again, and so up the side of the choir. One of these was named Sir Thomas Laws, otherwise called Sir Thomas Griffin, priest, sometime a chanon at Elsing Spittle. He and three more were religious men; and the fifth was a temporal man, that had two wives. Those were put to penance for having one.

Barlow  
and Card-  
maker  
committed

November The late Bishop Barlow, and Mr. Cardmaker, parson of St. Bride's, in Fleet-street, who were going over sea like merchants, were committed to the Fleet.

Bishop of  
Lincoln  
preaches:  
Two bi-  
shops con-  
secrated.

November 18. The new Bishop of Lincoln, Dr. White, late warden of Winchester, preached at Paul's Cross; and the same day were consecrated two new bishops, Holyman, Bishop of Bristol, and Bayne, Bishop of Coventry and Litchfield.

A Spaniard  
buried.

November 19. A Spanish gentleman was buried at St. Martin's, at Charing-Cross, with two crosses, fourscore torches and tapers in the hands of those that accompanied the funeral, who were both Spaniards and English, singing to the church: and the morrow mass with singing.

Bp. Ely  
meets the  
cardinal.  
Some re-  
port King  
Edward  
alive.

On this day Dr. Thurlby, Bishop of Ely, with others, went to meet Cardinal Pole, in Kent.

November 23. A man and a woman set on the pillory, for telling of false lies, that King Edward VI. was alive; and the next day they were set on the pillory again, for that and other crimes.

Cardinal  
Pole comes  
to court.

November 24. Cardinal Pole came from Gravesend by water, with the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Lord Mountague, the Bishops of Durham and Ely, the Lord Paget, Sir Edward Hastings, the Lord Cobham, and divers knights and gentlemen, in barges; and did all shoot the bridge. The Lord Shrewsbury had his own barge, with the talbot on it; all his men

were in blue coats, red hose, scarlet caps, and white feathers; and so repaired to the court. And the lord cardinal being landed at the court gates, there the king's grace met him and embraced him, and so led him through the king's hall. He had borne before him a silver cross. He was arrayed in a scarlet gown, and a square scarlet cap. The Lord North then bore the sword before the king, and so they went up unto the queen's chamber; there her grace saluted him. After he took his leave, and went into his barge to his place at Lambeth, lately Archbishop Cranmer's; and so to dinner.

1554.

The 25th, being Sunday, and St. Katharine's Day, Dr. Fecknam, Dean of St. Paul's, preached at Paul's Cross, and made a godly sermon.

Dr. Fecknam at Paul's Cross.

The same day, in the afternoon, the king, and the Lord Fitzwater, and divers Spaniards, rode, arrayed in divers colours. The king in red, and some in yellow, some in green, some in white, some in blue; with target and canes in their hands, hurling rods at one another. The trumpets also in the same colours, and drums of kettles and banners.

The king and divers lords ride forth and exercise.

p. 204.

The 27th were the obsequies of Sir Hugh Rich, Knight of the Bath, son and heir to the Lord Rich, solemnized in Essex, with a standard, a penon of arms, a coat armour, helmet, sword, escutcheons and torches.

Sir Hugh Rich's obsequies.

This day did the king and queen, and the lords of parliament, sit at the court at Whitehall, in the chamber of presence; where the queen sat highest, richly apparelled, and her belly laid out, that all men might see that she was with child. At this parliament, it was said, labour was made to have the king crowned; and some thought that the queen for that cause did lay out her belly the more. On the right hand of the queen sat the king, and on the other hand of him the cardinal with his cap on his head; who made an oration to the parliament, which is exemplified in Fox's Monuments. The sum of it was, that Pope Julius III. had sent them by him his

The parliament sit at Whitehall.

The cardinal's oration; P. 1341.

1554.  
And abso-  
lution pro-  
nounced.

benediction, upon their reconciliation again to the church; willing them to kneel all down upon their knees, to receive the pope's blessing and absolution, for their falling from the pope and the unity of the church; and in confidence that they would turn to the old use and custom again, the pope by him offered his blessing. And the next day, by an instrument, they declared their sorrow for their apostacy, and prayed the king and queen to intercede with the cardinal to obtain his absolution, and they all kneeled down and received it. Yet one, *i. e.* Sir Ralph Bag-nal, refused to consent to this submission, and said, "He was sworn to the contrary to King Henry VIII. which was a worthy prince, and laboured twenty-five years, before he could abolish him: and to say I will agree to it, I will not." And many more were of the same mind, but none had the confidence to speak but he. Of this there was great notice taken; and the lord chancellor spake of it in the examination of Rogers, January 22, shewing him, that the parliament had received the cardinal's blessing, not one, as he said, resisting it, but one man that spake against it; and that there were eight score in one house, save one, that had with one assent and consent received pardon of their offences for the schism. But the influence of the queen, and some other great papalins, swayed the house to this base compliance, and to take this foreign yoke again. After this work was done, it being now afternoon, the king and queen, with the cardinal, repaired to the chapel, and there *Te Deum* was sung for this day's joyful work.

Procession  
for the  
queen's  
great belly.

The same 28th day of November, the council having sent a letter to the Bishop of London, signifying, that the queen was with child and quickened; and therefore that he should take order that *Te Deum*, in token of thanksgiving, should be sung in Paul's, and in all churches throughout his diocese; several bishops, to the number of ten or eleven, the mayor of London, and the aldermen, came to Paul's in procession; and after that was *Te Deum* sung, and after



a sermon; and after this the bishops went to the Chapter House, to give God thanks for this supposed mercy; for this great belly, so boasted of, was a mistake or a deceit. 1534.

The 29th day, commandment was given forth from the Bishop of London, through his diocese, that all priests should say the mass of the Holy Ghost, go in procession, and sing *Te Deum*, and ring the bells, and to give God thanks for the gracious queen's quickening with child, and to pray, that that good thing God, by his omnipotent power, had begun, he would bring to good effect. p. 205.

On the 30th day, Friday, being the festival of St. Andrew, the king and his lords rode to Westminster Abbey, to hear mass, which was sung by Spaniards. There met him at the court-gates an hundred Almaines, in hose and doublets of white and red, and yellow velvet coats, and linings with yellow sarcenet, and yellow velvet caps and feathers; drums and flutes of the same colour, with gilt halberds. And an hundred in yellow hose, doublets of velvet, and jerkins of leather, garded with crimson velvet and white, feathers yellow and red; and those were Spaniards. And an hundred in yellow gowns of velvet. And the same night the lord cardinal came to the court, and went to the chapel with the king, where *Te Deum* was sung. The king, splendidly attended, goes to mass.

## CHAP. XXVI.

Further memorials in the months of December, January, February, and March.

**T**O continue our journal along the ensuing months.

December 2, Sunday, all priests and clerks, with their copes and crosses, came to Paul's, and all the crafts in their liveries, with the lord mayor and aldermen, against the Lord Cardinal Pole's coming. The lord chancellor and all the bishops tarried for December. The king and the lord cardinal at Paul's.

1554. him at the Bishop of London's place. The cardinal landing at Barnard's Castle, came at nine of the clock; there the lord mayor received him, and brought him to St. Paul's; and so the lord chancellor, and the lord cardinal, and all the bishops went up into the choir with their mitres on. And, at ten of the clock, the king's grace came to Paul's to hear mass, with four hundred of his guard, one hundred Englishmen, one hundred Almaines, one hundred Spaniards, and one hundred Switzers, with many lords and knights: and so they heard mass, the queen's chapel officiating, and the king's and St. Paul's choir sung. At this great and noble assembly did the lord chancellor preach upon the text, *Now 'tis time for us to awake out of sleep, &c.* The contents of this sermon may be found in Fox.

p. 1344.

St. Nicolas. On the 5th of December, the which was St. Nicolas's Eve, at evensong time came a commandment, that St. Nicolas should not go abroad, nor about. But notwithstanding, it seems, so much were the citizens taken with the mock St. Nicolas, that is, a boy-bishop, that there went about these St. Nicolases in divers parishes, as in St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Nicolas Olave's, in Bread-street. The reason the procession of St. Nicolas was forbid, was, because the cardinal had this St. Nicolas's Day sent for all the convocation, bishops and inferior clergy, to come to him to Lambeth, there to be absolved from all their perjuries, schisms and heresies.

p. 206.  
His day  
celebrated  
by a boy-  
bishop.

But because this way of celebrating St. Nicolas's Day is so odd and strange, let me add here a word or two explanatory of it. The memory of this saint and bishop, Nicolas, was thus solemnized by a child, the better to remember the holy man, even when he was a child, and his child-like virtues, when he became a man. The popish festival tells us, that while he lay in his cradle he fasted Wednesdays and Fridays, sucking but once a day on those days; and his meekness and simplicity, the proper virtues of children, he maintained from his childhood as long as he

lived: *And therefore*, saith the festival, *children don him worship before all other saints.* This boy-bishop, or St. Nicolases, was commonly one of the choristers, and therefore, in the old offices, was called, *Episcopus Choristarum, Bishop of the Choristers*, and chosen by the rest to this honour. But, afterward, there were many St. Nicolases; and every parish almost had his St. Nicolas. And from this St. Nicolas's Day to Innocents' Day at night, this boy bore the name of a bishop, and the state and habit too, wearing the mitre and the pastoral staff, and the rest of the pontifical attire; nay, and reading the holy offices. While he went his procession, he was much feasted and treated by the people, as it seems, much valuing his blessing; which made the citizens so fond of keeping this holiday.

The 8th, being the day of the Conception of our Blessed Lady, was a goodly procession at the Savoy, by the Spaniards, the priest carrying the sacrament between his hands; and one deacon carrying a censor censuring, and another the holy water-stock, and a number of friars and priests singing; and every man and woman, knights also and gentlemen, bearing green tapers burning, and eight trumpets blowing; and when they ceased, then began the sackbuts to play; and when they had done, there was one who carried two drums on his back, and one came after, beating them. And so done, they went about the Savoy, now singing, and a while after playing again, and by and by came singing into the church; and then after that they went to mass.

On the 9th, Dr. Bourn, Bishop of Bath and Wells, preached the Paul's Cross sermon, and prayed for the Pope of Rome, Julius III. and for all the souls in purgatory.

The same day, being Sunday (for, it seems, these sports and pastimes were commonly practised on these days) was a bear-baiting on the Bankside, when a sad accident happened; for the great blind bear brake loose, and running away, he caught a serving-



1554. man by the calf of the leg, and bit off a great piece of it, and after by the huckle-bone, and within three days after he died.

St. Dun-  
stan's  
Church  
hallowed.

On the 14th, St. Dunstan's Church in the East, which had been suspended on the day of our Lady's Conception, by reason of a man of that parish, was now hallowed, together with the churchyard, by a suffragan; old Bird, I suppose, formerly Bishop of Chester, now Bishop Bonner's suffragan.

Bp. Cotes  
at Paul's  
Cross.

The 16th day, Dr. Cotes, Bishop of West Chester, made the Paul's Cross sermon. His subject was concerning the blessed sacrament, and labouring to prove the corporal presence by many quotations out of the fathers, and ecclesiastical authors.

A triumph  
at court.

The 18th, was a great triumph at the court-gate, by the king and divers lords, both English and Spanish: who were in goodly harness, and upon their arms goodly jerkins of blue velvet, and hose embroïdered with silver and blue sarcenet; and so they ran on foot, with spears and swords at the tournay, drums and flutes in white velvet, drawn out with blue sarcenet. Some also were habited in other colours. There were ten against the king and his party, who were eighteen.

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Order a-  
gainst de-  
parting  
from the  
parliament  
in Christ-  
mas.

Whereas it was common for the parliament to adjourn for the holidays in Christmas, or at least to take the liberty of absence, many of the lords and commons had their horses and servants come up for them; but such weighty and hasty work was now upon the anvil, that, on 22 December, strict order was issued out, that none of the parliament men should depart that Christmas, nor till the parliament were ended; which proved much contrary to expectation: and it is likely many of them were desirous to be absent, because of the popish and Spanish work that was in doing. For on New Year's Day passed the act for restoring the supremacy to the see apostolick, and repealing a great many of King Henry's laws that had been made to the prejudice of the see: and, soon after, the bill for investing the Spanish

king with the care of the kingdom, during the young age of the prince to be born. 1554.

On the 26th (Fox writes the 28th) came the Prince of Piemont by water from Gravesend, with the lord privy seal and the Lord Mountague, and shot the bridge, and so to court. Prince of Piemont comes.

December, ult. A Spanish lord was buried at St. Margaret's, Westminster, with banner, coat, target, helmet, mantle, escutcheons, and many torch lights. A Spanish lord buried

On New Year's Day, in Bow Church-yard, at night, was an assembly of men and women, to the number of thirty and above, who had the English service and prayers used, and a lecture among them, Thomas Rosse being their minister. They were taken by the sheriffs, and their minister, after he had been brought before the chancellor, sent to the Tower, and the rest to the Counter, and other places. January. A religious assembly taken.

The same night happened a great uproar, occasioned by some insolent and debauched Spaniards, who had gotten among them certain whores in the cloister of Westminster Abbey; the passage through which cloister, for their more secresy, other Spaniards in their harness guarded, that none might disturb their fellows' sport. Notwithstanding, some of the dean's men happened now to come into the cloister, at whom these Spaniards discharged their pistols, and wounded some of them; whereat began a fray. A Spanish friar gets presently into the church, and rings the bell for alarm; this called all the street together, and much blood had like to have been spilt; but the tumult at length ceased, and no more harm done than the great fright and disturbance which it occasioned. A disturbance by Spaniards.

January 8. The Prince of Piemont went by water to the Tower, with Lord Clinton, lord admiral, and divers others. There he was shewed every place of remark, and entertained with shooting off guns. Prince of Piemont visits the Tower.

On the 9th, certain Spaniards killed an English- An Englishman

1554.  
killed by  
Spaniards.  
Dr. Chad-  
sey at  
Paul's  
Cross.

man basely; two held him, while one thrust him through, and so he died.

The 14th, Dr. Chadsey, one of the disputants against Peter Martyr, at Oxford, in King Edward's reign, and ere long to dispute against Archbishop Cranmer there, now made parson of Alhallows, in Bread-street, preached the Paul's Cross sermon.

p. 208.  
Many par-  
doned.

On the 18th, the lord chancellor went to the Tower, and divers other lords of the council, and delivered a number of prisoners, viz. the three sons and the brothers of the late Duke of Northumberland, Sir James à Croft, Sir George Harper, Sir George Carow, Sir Nicolas Throgmorton, Sir Nicolas Arnold, Mr. Vaughan, Sir Edward Warner, Mr. Gybbs, the Archbishop of York, Sir John Rogers, and divers others, concerned in the Lady Jane's, or Wyat's business, after a year's imprisonment or more. Then was great shooting off of guns.

Protest-  
ants ar-  
raigned.

On the 22d, arraigned at the lord chancellor's place, beside St. Mary Overy's, Sir John Hoper, late Bishop of Worcester and Gloucester; Dr. Crome, an ancient pious divine of London; the parson of Whittington College, Harold Tomson; Rogers, vicar of St. Sepulchre's, and divers others, to the number of eleven persons, besides two more that were not then sent for. They were asked, whether they would receive the cardinal's blessing, and be united again to the catholick church with the rest of the realm? One, who was a citizen, did submit; the other ten refused. But one of them, by the means of the Lord William Howard, having this favourable question put to him, whether he would be an honest man, as his father was before him? and answering, yea; was discharged. There were now present, as the queen's commissioners, beside the lord chancellor, the Bishops of Durham, Ely, Worcester, Chichester, Carlisle, the Lord William Howard, Lord Paget, Sir Richard Southwel, Secretary Bourn.

Tilting.

On the 24th, was great running at the tilt at Westminster, with spears, both English and Spaniards.



On the 25th, being St. Paul's Day, was a general procession of St. Paul, by every parish, both priests and clerks, in copes, to the number of an hundred and sixty, singing *Salve Festa Dies*, with ninety crosses borne. The procession was through Cheap unto Leadenhall. And before, went two schools; that is, first, all the children of the Gray Friars, and then those of St. Paul's School. There were eight bishops, and the Bishop of London mitred, bearing the sacrament, with many torches burning, and a canopy borne over. And so about the church-yard, and in at the west door, with the lord mayor and aldermen, and all the companies in their best liveries. And within a while after, the king came, and the lord cardinal, and the Prince of Piemont, and divers lords and knights. At the foot of the steps to the choir, as the king went up, kneeled the gentlemen lately pardoned, offering him their service. After mass they returned to the court to dinner. And at night bonfires, and great ringing of bells in every church. And all this joy was for the conversion of the realm.

1554.  
Procession  
on St. Paul's  
Day.

On the 27th day, was a goodly procession from Westminster unto Temple Bar, with crosses, and an hundred children in surplices, and an hundred clerks and priests in copes singing: the which copes were very rich of tissue and cloth of gold. And after came Mr. Dean Weston, carrying the blessed sacrament, and a canopy borne over it, and about it twenty torches burning; and after it two hundred men and women.

Westmin-  
ster pro-  
cession.

On the 28th, Hoper, Crome, Cardmaker and others, were examined at St. Mary Overy's, for their principles in religion: where Cardmaker was said to recant; or rather to submit himself: but it was done by him only out of a design to prolong his life a little for some good end he had, as he shewed a friend.

Hoper and  
others ar-  
raigned.

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The 29th, at the same church Hoper and Rogers were arraigned for heresy, and cast to be burnt; and thence carried back to Newgate.

The 30th, Bradford, Taylor and Saunders were

1554. arraigned in the same place, and cast to be burnt in divers places.

February.  
The  
Dutchess  
of North-  
umberland  
buried.

February 1, was buried the Dutchess of Northumberland, at Chelsey, where she lived, with a goodly herse of wax and pensils, and escutcheons: two banners of arms, and four banners of images, two heralds of arms, with many mourners. There was a majesty and the vallans; and six dozen of torches, and two white branches; and all the church hung in black and arms; and a canopy borne over her to church.

Some di-  
vines de-  
graded and  
burnt.

On the 4th day, the Bishop of London went into Newgate, and other doctors with him, to degrade Hoper and Rogers. The same day, between ten and eleven of the clock, Rogers was carried into Smithfield and burnt, for pretended erroneous opinions, with a great company of the guard attending.

On the 5th, between five and six in the morning, Hoper was carried towards Gloucester, and Saunders towards Coventry, to be burnt there.

And on the 6th, Dr. Taylor was sent as early into Suffolk, to suffer the same punishment at Hadley, where he had been rector.

Lord  
Strange  
marries.

On the 7th, the Lord Strange, eldest son of the Earl of Darby, married the Earl of Cumberland's daughter: which marriage was solemnized the same day with a great dinner, Just and Tournay on horseback with swords: then a supper with torch lights and cresset lights; an hundred of the former, and sixty of the latter; a mask and a banquet.

Hereticks  
condemn-  
ed.

The 9th day, six hereticks (as the gospellers were now called) of Essex and Suffolk, and London, were arraigned at St. Paul's, before the lord mayor and sheriffs, the Bishop of London and divers doctors, and some of the council, and condemned to be burnt in divers places. For now the lord chancellor having broken the ice of burning hereticks, and taken off the heads and captains, as it were, of the protestants, left the rest of this bloody work to Bishop

country, as ye shal se convenient. And to the intent that such as ye shal find to be manifest offenders of the law, may not pass long unpunished, we send unto you also herewith our commissions of *oyer* and *terminer*; which, with the rest of the authority and charge committed presently unto you, we require you to use in such sort, as may be answerable to the good opinion we have conceived of you, and serve to encourage our faithful and loving subjects to go forward in their weldoings, and fear the lewd and disordered sort from attempting of the contrary. Yeven under our signet, at our palace at Westminster, the XXVIIth of March, in the first and second year of our reign.” 1555.

To this order must be attributed in great measure the bloody year and years ensuing.

The 17th, being Wednesday in Easter week, and the morrow after, was dirige and mass said, and ringing, for Pope Julius, the third of that name, deceased, and for all Christian souls. This was by commandment from the Bishop of London; who had received order, April 10, by letter from the lord chancellor, that it was the king and queen's pleasure, that obsequies should be celebrated throughout the realm, for the funerals of the said holy father. And there were Latin prayers composed, appointed to be said in the mass on this occasion; which the said lord chancellor sent the bishop to be communicated to all dioceses; which prayers may be found in Fox. The obsequies of Pope Julius. p. 1417.

The 20th of the aforesaid month of April, was Flower arraigned at Paul's, before the Bishop of London, the lord chief justice, the lord mayor and sheriffs, and many others. There was then made a good sermon. Afterwards he was cast, and condemned to have the hand that hurt the priest cut off, ere he should suffer death as an heretick. After was degraded; and after carried to Newgate. Flower condemned. p. 215.

On the 22d day, being St. George's Day, at Hampton Court, the king (about whom waited the heralds) Procession on St. George's Day.



1355. with other lords and knights of the garter, went in their robes on procession, with three crosses, and with clerks and priests, and the lord chancellor, the chief minister, mitred ; and all they in copes of cloth of gold and tissue, singing *Salve Festa Dies*. As they went about, the queen looked out of a casement, that hundreds did see her, after she had taken her chamber.

Orders for  
the execu-  
tion of  
Flower.

The same day a letter was sent from the council to the justices of peace of Middlesex, with a writ for the execution of Flower, commanding to see his hand stricken off before his burning.

Executed.

And on the 24th, he had his hand stricken off, at the post to which he was bound to be burnt. And after he was burnt there against St. Margaret's Church, without the church-yard, in the place called the Sanctuary. This act of Flower's gave great offence to the professors of religion, who were mightily astonished at it, and one of them, named Robert Smith, then a prisoner for religion in Newgate, came to him to confer with him about this deed ; and Flower did then declare it to be naught, and wished he had not done it, and yet pretended some great impulse of the Spirit to have been then upon him, to do what he did : and to Bishop Bonner, he signified his desire that the law for cutting off his hand might be executed against him. It aggravated his crime in the minds of the people, that the chalice in the priest's hand, with some consecrated hosts therein, were sprinkled with his blood.

Some exe-  
cuted for  
robbing  
Spaniards.

The wealth of the Spaniards tempted the English ; but they paid for it : for, on the 26th of April, three men were carried from the Marshalsea in a cart through London, unto the gallows in Charing-cross, and there hanged, for robbing of certain Spaniards of a treasure of gold, out of the abbey of Westminster.

One of  
them hangs  
four days.  
Buried un-  
der the  
gallows.

On the 29th of the same month, one of the three that robbed the Spaniards of their gold, having hung four days, was now cut down and buried under the gallows. He whose name was Tooly, though but a

poulterer's servant, was hanged in a gown of tawny freez, and a doublet of tawny taffeta, and a pair of fine hose lined with sarcenet; which apparel perhaps was purchased with a part of the spoil. This man's ignominy was more than his fellows, because it seems upon the cart he declared his mind freely against popery, which they called, *Railing against the pope and the mass*. Indeed he then used King Henry's Litany, "From the Bishop of Rome and all his detestable enormities," &c. But this was not all the punishment inflicted upon the dead body: for on the 7th of next month, he was taken up out of his grave where he lay beside the gallows, and burnt there in the morning for an heretick. But first he underwent a solemn citation and trial, and excommunication, and sentence, and delivery over to the secular power, and the sheriff of Middlesex to see execution done. All which is related at large by Mr. Fox.

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And afterwards burnt.

p. 1438.

The 30th of the said month of April, tidings came to London, that the queen was delivered of a prince; whereupon was great ringing of bells through the city, and in divers places *Te Deum laudamus* sung. I transcribe this from the journal of one that lived in those days, and a well-willer to the queen's great belly. "And the morrow after (as he goes on) it was turned otherwise to the pleasure of God. But it shall be when it shall please God: for I trust that he will remember his true servants (the papists) that put their trust in him, when they call on him." But that such a current report should fly through London, so near the court, and produce all those shews of public joy and gladness, and remain uncontrolled for a whole day, this seems to have risen designedly from the court upon some state policy; which however was thought fit to be revoked the next day, perhaps by the disallowance of the king. But the queen's great belly went on still; and was not so to be laid aside, as we shall hear in the next month. And this may go only for a misreckoning.

Report of the queen's delivery of a prince.

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Vitellius, F. 5.

1555.

A servant  
of the Lady  
Elizabeth  
committed  
for religion  
to the Mar-  
shalsea.

In the Lady Elizabeth's family were some who stuck to the true religion; which may give ground for a conjecture how that lady stood affected, though she had mass in her house, being so enjoined her; particularly, one who she retained about her, named Robert Horneby, was of such earnest religion, that the report of it came to the council, perhaps by refusing to be present at mass; whereby he was brought before the said council in the month of April, and both persuaded and threatened to submit himself to the present establishment of religion; but standing firmly to the truth, they committed him, April 29, to the Marshalsea.

May.  
Three per-  
sons carted

May 2, three persons, for their abominable living, were carted through the city, viz. a gentleman named Mr. Manwaring, and a goldsmith's wife, and another tradesman's wife living in Cheapside. It was proclaimed why they were thus served; namely, for living in bawdery and whoredom, and having been divers times taken in it. They rid from Guildhall to Cheapside, and so through Newgate, and through Smithfield, and back again to the Standard in Cheap, where the proclamation of their unclean living was made, and so along the city eastward out of Aldgate.

To appre-  
hend some  
that car-  
ried about  
a martyr's  
bones.

One Pigot having been burnt, March 28 last past, at Branktree, in Essex, for adhering to the true religion, and disavowing transubstantiation, some persons had got his bones, and made it their practice to carry them about, to shew them the people; not that they should serve for reliques to be worshipped, but by the sight of them, to excite the professors to constancy to the death, after Pigot's example. The tidings of this odd practice came to the court, which occasioned a letter from the council, dated May 3, to two justices of the peace of Suffolk, viz. George Colt and Thomas Daniel, to make search for two persons, named Barnard and Walsh, who used to do this at Sudbury; and upon examination, to commit them to further ordering, according to the laws.



May 10, a young man was brought unto the council at Hampton Court, who said he was King Edward VI. He was here examined how he durst be so bold to assume so much to himself? and was afterwards delivered to the marshal, and conveyed to the Marshalsea, there to abide the council's pleasure.

1555.

One pre-  
tends to be  
King Ed-  
ward VI.

May 15, was a general procession from Paul's unto Leadenhall-street, and down Gracechurch-street, and then turning down Eastcheap, and so to Paul's again. Before, there went two hundred poor men with beads in their hands, and three hundred poor women, two and two together; two men and two women out of a parish. After walked all the men-children of the hospital, and after them the children of St. Anthony's School, then all the children of Paul's, and all their masters and ushers. Then all the priests and clerks, and the bishop, the lord mayor and aldermen, and all the crafts of London in their liveries. The same time, as they were going the procession, came a frantic man, as they passed along Cheapside, and hanged two puddings about a priest. For which deed the poor man was sufficiently tossed up and down and punished; for he was brought first before the bishop, and after before the mayor, and then at last sent to the Counter.

Procession.

p. 217.

The Earl of Winchester, lord treasurer, had lately signified to the council at Hampton Court, that as, for the better suppressing of heresies throughout England, the king and queen had newly sent their letters to all justices of the peace, to take up all such suspected persons, and them to send to their respective diocesans, to bring them to the unity of the church, or execution; so he held it advisable that letters also might be sent to the bishops, to excite them in the discharge of their office, in that behalf: wherein, it seems, they were perceived to be too slack, or at least not vigorous enough. This advice the council approved of, and answered, May 16, that order should be taken according to his lordship's request, and letters sent to the bishops. The letters

Letters  
from the  
queen to  
the jus-  
tices, for  
prosecut-  
ing here-  
ticks;

1555. wrote to the justices, containing instructions to them, were, among other things, "That for the good order and quiet government of the country about them, they should have a special regard to such disordered persons, as, forgetting their duty towards the king and queen, did lean to any erroneous or heretical opinions, refusing to shew themselves conformable to the catholic religion of Christ's church. And that if they could not, by good admonition and fair means, reform them, they should deliver them to the ordinary, to be by him charitably travailed with, to remove them from their naughty opinions; and if they continued obstinate, to be ordered according to the laws provided in that behalf."

And to the  
bishops;  
quicken-  
ing them.

The letters to the bishops, written soon after, in the name of the king and queen, were monitory: "That they had understood, to their no small marvel, that diverse of these disordered persons that had been brought from the justices to them, the bishops, were either refused to be received at their hands, or if received, were neither so travailed with as Christian charity required, nor yet proceeded withal according to the order of justice; but suffered to continue in their errors, to the dishonor of Almighty God, and dangerous example of others. That like as they, the king and queen, found this matter very strange, so they thought it convenient both to signify their knowledge thereof, and therewith also to admonish them, to have in this behalf such regard henceforth to the office of good bishops, as when any such offenders should be by the said officers or justices brought unto them, to use their good wisdom and discretion, in procuring to remove them from their errors, or else to procede against them according to the order of the laws."

Cardinal  
Pole goes  
to Calais,  
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May 18, Cardinal Pole went over to Calais, accompanied, among others, with Sir William Cecyl (whom he seemed to delight in for his wisdom, policy, learning, and good society.) Then went over also the lord chancellor, the Earl of Arundel, and

the Lord Paget; the intent of whose journey was, to treat with the commissioners of the emperor and the French king, and to hold a conference with them, about composing a peace between the said emperor and king. And on the 23d day, being Ascension Day, all the commissioners met at Mark, a convenient place, lying between Calais, Arde, and Grave-lyn: which commissioners were, the said cardinal, for the pope; the three foresaid noblemen, for the Queen of England; and the Duke of Medina Celi, Monsieur D'Arras, Conte De la Layne, and Monsieur Beningcourt, President Viglio, President De Malyns, Secretary Bab, for the emperor; and the Cardinal of Lorain, the Duke of Montmorancie, the Bishop of Orleans, Morvillier, the Bishop of Vanes, Marilliac, Secretary L'Obespyn, for the French. But all their pains came to little effect. 1555.

On the 18th, four men appeared at St. Paul's, in the consistory, before the bishop, being of the county of Essex, and of the parish of Coggeshal. They were charged with heresy; and were brought both in the forenoon and afternoon that day, and condemned to be burned for hereticks, and so carried to Newgate. Three of them were afterwards burnt in several places in Essex, viz. Osmond, Bamford, and Chamberlain. Four condemned for heresy.

Another imposture about this time was discovered; as, that an infant living near Paul's spake, and bade men pray, and said, that *the kingdom of God was at hand*. There were two women especially that averred this, who, being discovered, were brought up at Paul's Cross, May 19, to do penance for it, when Harpsfield preached; standing there before him, and declaring that it was false, that they had said before concerning the speaking of this child, and bade all men take heed, how any man or woman gave belief to any person, which should tell them to the contrary. An Impos-  
ture of a  
child  
speaking.

On the same 19th day, was a goodly procession, with all the children of the hospital, and of all the schools in London. Procession.



1555.  
An impostor.

On the 22d of this month, another impostor was punished, who affirmed himself to be sent from King Edward VI. He was named William, sometime a lackey: he rode in a cart from the Marshalsea, through London, unto Westminster, and was brought into the hall, where he had his judgment to be whipped because he said, he came as a messenger from King Edward VI.

Divers arraigned for hereticks, and burnt.

On the 25th, were arraigned at St. Paul's for heresy, before the bishop, Mr. Cardmaker, sometime vicar of St. Bride's, in Fleet-street; and one John Warren, an upholsterer by trade, but of the company of Clothworkers, dwelling against St. John's, in Walbrook; and one of Colchester, another of Great Wigborough, in Essex (Fox makes them both of Great Wigborough), named Simpson and Ardeley: which were sentenced to be burnt, and so carried back to Newgate. The two former were burnt in Smithfield, May 30, Warren's wife being then in Newgate.

May-game.

On the 26th, was a gay May-game at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, with giants and hobby-horses, drums and guns, morrice-dances, and other minstrels.

The Clerks' procession.

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On the 27th, was the Clerks' procession from Guildhall College, where was as goodly a mass, as had been heard. Every clerk wore a cope and a garland. There were an hundred streamers borne, and the waits playing. They marched round about Cheapside, and so to Leadenhall, unto St. Ethelborough's Church; and there they put off their geare, and repaired to a dinner provided for them at Barbers' Hall. In this procession the blessed sacrament was borne about with torch-light.

A dispensation falsified.

On the 28th, Edward Cater, of London, stationer, for falsifying and razing of a dispensation granted by the cardinal, was adjudged to be set on the pillory.

Ambassadors appointed for foreign princes, when the queen

The queen's great belly still went on, or it was resolved it should go on; and another reckoning was made for the queen's time of lying-in. And that the good news of the birth of the prince, when it should happen, might be carried forthwith to foreign coun-

Bonner; and those six before mentioned he began with: who having been convented before him but the day before, were condemned this very next day. Their names and callings were as follow: William Pigot, butcher; Steven Knight, barber; Thomas Tomkins of Shoreditch, weaver; Thomas Hawks of Essex, gentleman; John Lawrence priest, and William Hunter, an apprentice to a silk weaver in Coleman-street. 1554.

February 10, being Sunday, Alphonsus, a Spanish gray friar, preached before the king: and in his sermon inveighed against the bishops for burning of men, saying, that they learned it not in scripture, to put any to death for conscience, but on the contrary rather to let them live and be converted. But such discourses were seldom made at court, and this good counsel took little effect. A Spanish friar preaches against burning for religion.

February 14, Robert Ferrar, Bishop of St. David's, was sent down towards his diocese, there to be condemned and burnt. Bp. of St. David's sent into Wales.

The same day, the image of the old abrogated saint, Thomas Becket, martyr for the pope, but traitor to the king, was set up in stone over the gate of St. Thomas of Acres, that is Mercers' Chapel, by order of the lord chancellor and other bishops, in the habit of a bishop with his mitre and crosier. But within two days after, in the night-time, his two fingers, held up to bless, were broken off; and the next night his neck too, and the top of his crosier. But the shame done to St. Thomas was highly resented; and many, that were looked upon as no friends to the present proceedings, were suspected; and among the rest one Barnes, a mercer, who lived over against the chapel; who therefore, with some of his servants, was committed: but though nothing could be proved against him, yet he was fain to enter into a recognizance of a great sum of money both to watch it, and to make good the image, whensoever it should be defaced. The 2d day of March it was set up again at his charge. And again the Thomas Becket's image set up. p. 210.

1554. 14th day, at night, the head was broken off, and one of the arms: so that on the 15th a proclamation went forth, that whosoever did know and would shew to the mayor, who had done this act, should not only have his pardon, but be rewarded with an hundred crowns of gold. But the act still remained undiscovered.

February the 18th, the Lord Viscount Mountague, and Thirlby Bishop of Ely, with divers others in their company, passed through London with seven score horse, being appointed ambassadors to the pope; to thank his holiness, as was pretended, for his great clemency to the realm, but, as was thought more truly, to treat about the restoration of abbeys. For when they returned home, they reported from the pope, that as he was well pleased with other things here done, so he shewed himself not contented, that the church's lands and goods were not restored; which, he said, was a thing not to be suffered. And it was not long after, that the pope set forth a bull excommunicating all persons, without exception, which kept any church or abbey lands, and also all others (were they princes, bishops, nobles, justices of the peace or other officers) that did not put this bull in execution. But yet, notwithstanding, it was not thought convenient yet to take any notice of it, or move it in this realm, any further than by the queen's example, who in the next month restored what was in her hands to the church.

March.  
Procession.

March 8, was a general procession from St. Paul's, through Cheap, down Buckler's Bury, and so through Walbrook, up Budge-row and Watling-street, and so to Paul's again. The processioners were all the children of Paul's School and of the hospital of Christ's Church, the bishop, my lord mayor and aldermen, all the crafts, with the clerks and priests singing.

One pillor-  
rized.

On the same day a man was set on the pillory for hurting one of the six men that were sworn; who was



like to have been slain. Upon which occasion the church of St. Dunstan's in the East was suspended; the thing it seems having been done in that church. These six men were certain persons to that number, in every parish throughout Bishop Bonner's diocese, and especially in London, that were sworn to make faithful presentment of all in their respective parishes, that failed in any of the thirty-seven articles, set forth by that bishop in his late visitation. 1554.  
The six men.

The 16th day, was the weaver named Tomkins, dwelling in Shoreditch, burnt in Smithfield for heresy, by eight of the clock in the morning. Tomkins burnt.

On the 18th, were Mr. Bows, Mr. Cut, Mr. Hind, and divers others, brought out of Cambridge-shire to the Tower for a new conspiracy, which should have been done in Suffolk and other places. p. 211.  
A conspiracy.

The 19th, in the morning, the king run at the tilt against other Spaniards, and brake four staves, by eight of the clock. The king tilts.

The 20th, the Earl of Bedford, lord privy seal, dying at his house beside the Savoy, was carried to his burying into the country, to a place of his called Cheynes, with three hundred horse all in black. He was carried with three crosses, and many clerks and priests, till they came up the hill above St. James's; and then returned certain of them home again; and they had torches and arms, and money given them. And after, every man sat in array on horseback. First, one rid in black, bearing a cross of silver, and certain priests on horseback wearing their surplices: then came the standard: then all the gentlemen and head officers: then came heralds, one bearing his helmet, and the mantles, and the crest; another his banner of arms, another his target with his garter, another his coat armour, and another his sword: and then Mr. Garter in his rich coat armour. Then came the chariot with six bannerols, and about the chariot four banners of images. And after the chariot, a great horse trapped in cloth of gold, with his saddle of the same. Then followed mourners; Earl of Bedford is buried.

1554. the chief whereof was the Lord Russel his son, and after my lord treasurer, and the master of the horse, and divers other noblemen, all in black. And every town they passed through, the clerks and priests met them with crosses : and to every of those parishes were given four nobles for the poor, and ten shillings to the respective priests and clerks, till he came to his place at Cheynes. And the morrow after he was buried, with a great dole of money, when the Dean of St. Paul's made a godly sermon. All was ended with a great dinner, and great plenty to all the country about, that would come thither.

A great  
tilting at  
court.

The five-and-twentieth day of March, being one of the chief days dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, were as great justs at the tilt at Westminster as had ever been seen there. The challengers were a Spaniard and Sir George Howard ; and all their men and horses trimmed in white. Then came the king and a great many all in blue, and trimmed in yellow : and their helmets with great tufts of blue and yellow feathers : and all their whiffers, and their footmen, and their armourers : and a company like Turks rode in crimson satin gowns and caps, with falchions and great targets : and some were habited in green ; and many in divers colours. There were broken two hundred staves and upwards.

The queen  
restores  
the church  
lands.

March the 28th, the queen this day calling to her the Lord Marquis of Winchester, lord treasurer, Sir Robert Rochester, comptroller of her household, Sir William Petre, secretary of state, and Sir Francis Englefield, master of the wards, told them, that her conscience not serving her to detain the church lands and those of religious houses, having been taken away in the time of the schism and by unlawful means, did freely surrender them all that were in her hands and possession : and that order might be taken in them as it seemed good to the holy father the pope, or his legate, the lord cardinal. And she gave her commands to them accordingly, to repair with the lord

chancellor to the said cardinal to consult further about it. 1554.

The 4th day of April, the king and queen removed unto Hampton Court, to keep Easter there; and her grace to keep her chamber there, in order to her supposed lying-in, which was to be about Easter. Now the queen seemed to be in better humour, and as though she were willing to be in charity with all, especially with her relations, before the time of her travail; she sent for the Earl of Devonshire, and about Easter the Lady Elizabeth, from both their confinements, to her at Hampton Court. Afterwards the earl travelled into Italy, and the Lady Elizabeth removed from her prison of Woodstock to her own house, but under guard, and compelled to have mass said in her family.

The 14th day, which was Easter-Day, at St. Margaret's Church at Westminster, after the mass was done, one of the ministers, a priest of the abbey, named Sir John Cheltam, did help him that ministered to the people, who were receiving of the sacrament; when there came into the church a man that had been a monk of Ely, then married, and had his wife the same day there; who said to the minister, What dost thou give them? And as soon as he had spoken it, he drew his wood-knife, and hit the priest on the head, and cut him a great blow; and then ran after him and struck him on the hand, and cleft his hand a great way, and after gave him a great wound on the arm; which occasioned a very loud cry and shout. The church hereby became polluted, and the people went to another church to receive the sacrament. He was presently taken and carried to the prison of the Gate-house, and loaded with chains.

The 15th day, a letter was directed to Sir Michael Hare and Sir Thomas Cornwalys, from the council; willing them to examine Mr. Flower, alias Branch (for that was his name that had wounded the priest) what he meant to wear about his neck *Deum time, idolum fuge*, and whom he knew else to wear the like?

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April.  
The king  
and queen  
remove to  
Hampton  
Court.

One  
wounds a  
priest at  
mass.

Order from  
the council  
concerning  
him.



1554. Praying them also to speak to Bonner, Bishop of London, speedily to proceed against him for his religion according to the laws ; and that the justices of peace of Middlesex, should likewise proceed against him, for shedding of blood in the church, according to the statute. So as if he continue his opinion, he might be executed at the furthest by the latter end of this week ; and that his right hand be the day before his execution, or the same day, stricken off, according to a law for striking in the church.

## CHAP. XXVII.

Orders to the justices. Various matters in the church and state happening in the months of March, April, May, and June. The popish bishops' diligence. Deprecations. Pope Julius's bull.

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Instructions sent  
to the  
justices.

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**I**N the very beginning of this year, 1555, the justices in the several counties had their charges given them from the king and queen ; and special instructions were sent to them. The pretence was, for the preserving peace among the subjects, and for crushing uproars and mutinies that might arise : of which the state was not without fears and jealousies, at this time of the year especially. But the main design indeed was to drive on papal religion ; and in the mean while to secure the regretting people from rising, which the rigors and persecutions exercised upon them might provoke them to. What those instructions were, we understand from an original copy of them preserved in the Cotton Library, which was sent to the justices of Norfolk, intitled, “ An Order prescribed by the King and Queen unto the Justices, for the good Government of their Majesties' loving Subjects.” The like to which was sent it seems to every county in England, signed on the top both with Philip and Mary's hands. The main of this instrument tended to the suppression of religion. It being exemplified in Bishop Burnet's History of the Reformation, I shall not here set it

down: only in brief, “ The justices were required to meet and consult together, by what means good order and quietness might be best continued ; that particular limits and divisions in the respective counties should be allotted to each justice to have a more special inspection and care of. And whereas preachers were, and should be sent down into the several counties, to preach catholick doctrine to the people, the justices to be aiding and assisting unto them ; and to be themselves present at their sermons. As for such as came not to church, nor conformed themselves, to travail soberly with them ; and with the wilful and obstinate to deal more roundly, that is, by rebuking them, binding them to the good a bearing, or sending them to prison. For the preachers and teachers of heresy, and procurers of secret meetings for that purpose, special wait must be laid : that the justices themselves, with their families, must, especially, shew good example herein. The spreaders of false tales and seditious rumours to be searched for, and when found, to be apprehended and punished. Some one, or more men in every parish, to be secretly instructed to give information of the behaviour of the inhabitants ; to charge the constables, and four or more of the more honest and catholick sort of every parish, with the order of the said parish ; to whom idle persons and vagabonds should be bound to give an account, how they live, and where they are from time to time. (The better to clear the country of such well-disposed persons, that in these days went from place to place, to confirm the brethren, to hold religious meetings with them, or to disperse good books among them.) Earnest regard to be had by the said justices to the execution of the statutes against rebellion, vagabonds, retainers, &c. ; and for keeping the statutes of hue and cry : and watches to begin the 20th of April. As soon as any offenders for murder, felony, or other offences were taken, the matters forthwith to be examined, and ordered by the justices, according to a commission of *oyer* and

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The contents  
thereof.

1555. *terminer* sent to them; and the justices to meet at least once a month."

Their majesties' commission and letter to the justices.

So that these instructions, to make round work, were backed with a commission to the justices to hear and punish: as they were also with letters from the king and queen, to provoke and excite them to diligence in these severe orders; which, because it is omitted in the History of the Reformation, I shall insert.

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" BY THE KING AND QUENE.

" *Philip R. Mary the Quene,*

Titus, B.  
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" TRUSTY and welbeloved, we grete you wel. And where of late time, partly for the want of the fear of God in men's hearts, and partly also for lack of good order and due execution of the laws, the common sort of people within this our realm have grown into such liberty and insolence, as they have not lett, at sundry times, to attempt divers stirs and rebellions, contrary to their duties of allegiance, to the great trouble and disquiet of us, and our whole realm: we, therefore, remembring that the time of the year is now at hand, wherein these disorders are wont to be most dangerous, and be therefore the rather necessary to be foreseen and avoided in time: and considering therewithal, that a great part, or rather the whole remedy of these inconveniencies, resteth in you, unto whom, as to persons of most trust in those parts, the order and government of that county is committed; have thought good to put you in remembrance hereof, to the intent yee may the rather have regard unto the charge committed unto you; which we require you and command you to do, in such diligent sort as may be answerable to the trust reposed in you; bending your whole study and industry to the conservation of the peace, and doing of justice; and for that purpose, not only to se the instructions herewith sent you diligently observed and executed in every point, but also to devise such further order for the good quiet of the



tries, ambassadors were appointed to be immediately ready to be dispatched with the news; as, the Lord Admiral to the emperor, Lord Fitzwater to the French king, and Sir Henry Sidney to the King of the Romans, and Richard Shelly to the King of Portugal. And Dr. Wotton, ambassador leiger in France, was sent to, to procure them free passage through that kingdom; and certain sums of money were assigned to each ambassador to defray the expences of their embassies. And, May 28, a letter was ordered to be sent to the lord treasurer, to make speedy preparation of the said sums, to be ready for the ambassadors, who were to carry the joyful news of Queen Mary's good delivery to those princes.

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should be  
brought to  
bed.

In this month of May, certain persons, no good friends, as it seems, to Queen Mary, had meetings together, to calculate what should befall the queen (perhaps) and her issue, and used the unlawful arts of conjuring and witchcraft. Their names were John Dye, Benger, Cary, and Field. This was at length discovered unto the council; and Sir Francis Englefield, by a letter from Hampton Court, dated May 28, had order to make search for Dye in London, and to apprehend him, and send him to the council; and to search also for such papers and books as might touch the same Dye, and also Benger. These were taken and brought under examination. And hereupon certain men, June 5, were commissioned to proceed to further examination of these conjurors, upon such points as they should gather out of their former confessions, touching their lewd and vain practices. These commissioners were the Lord North, Mr. Secretary Bourn, the Master of the Rolls, Sir Francis Englefield, Sir Richard Read (a judge), Dr. Hughes (a civilian); to whom was added Sir John Tregonwel, another civilian. I do not find any more of this matter, only that, August 29, Cary and Dye, or Dee, were set at liberty upon bonds for their good a-bearing until Christmas after.

Conjurors  
detected  
and exa-  
mined.

1555.  
June.  
Procession.

In the beginning of the month of June, were several anniversary processions; as, on the third day, that of the Fishmongers, from St. Peter's Church, in Cornhill, unto Paul's, with an hundred copes, where the lord mayor himself was present. The procession of St. Clement's parish, without Temple-Bar, set forth with a great many streamers and banners, and the waits of London, with crosses; and in the midst of the crosses was borne the Spaniards' cross of the Savoy, being round, like to that hung over the sacrament, of crimson velvet in embroidery rich; the clerks and priests, in rich copes, to the number of an hundred, singing *Salve Festa Dies*: there followed all the inns of court, and after, all the parish, with white staves in their hands. This was June 4, and the same day was the Islington procession, as gay almost as the former.

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Seven more  
to be burnt.

On the 10th day, were delivered out of Newgate, seven men, to be carried into Essex and Suffolk, to suffer, as hereticks, the cruel death of burning.

The Queen  
of Spain's  
obsequies

On the 11th day, an herse at St. Paul's, for the Queen of Spain, the king's grandmother, began to be set up, the which was the goodliest that ever was seen in England; the bare frame whereof, the work of the carpenter, cost 15*l*.

The herse.

On the 17th, it was finished, being placed above the choir, with nine principals garnished, and all the principals covered with black velvet, and the majesty of taffeta, and the fringe of gold; and all the choir, and above the choir, and the sides, and under foot, and the body of the church, hung with black and arms; together with thirty-six dozen of pensils of silk, wrought with gold and silver; and sixteen bannerols of arms, and four banners of white images, wrought with fine gold. Over night was the dirge, and the next day the morrow's mass, when many mourners attended. The first whereof was a stranger, then the Earl of Shrewsbury, the Earl of Pembroke, the Lord Treasurer, Sir Richard Southwell, and many more, as well English as Spaniards; and seven score of

poor men, having new black gowns, all holding torches in their hands. And after mass, a great dinner, at the Bishop of London's place, with great plenty. 1555.

About the preparation for this solemnity, the lord treasurer wrote thus unto the Bishop of London, June 7: "After my right hartly commendations to your good lordship, I shal not forget the livery of black against this time: no more shal Master Dean, to whom I wrote to make the sermon, who must now assuredly do it, for my Lord of Chichester (viz. Day, who was then the great preacher among the bishops) cannot attend it, to whom I have given like knowledge by my letter now sent. And your lordship must command your sextons of the church to be in a readiness of ringing in the time of service. And if ye be not furnished with black apparel for the altar, and for the priest, deacon, and sub-deacon, I must have knowledg therof, that it may be taken of the queen's stuff: wherof, I pray you, let me be advertised."

The lord treasurer to the Bishop of London about it.

In this month, likewise, a certain mutiny was attempted near Wadherst, in Sussex, but speedily perceived and stopped. Disturbance in Sussex.

The king and queen's ambassadors, that went to Rome, namely, the Bishop of Ely and Lord Mountague, having obtained at length their dispatch, took their journey homeward the 20th of this month of June. The ambassadors to Rome coming home.

This summer was a treaty and league between the king and queen, and the Master of Maxwel, on the Scots side. Whereupon a proclamation was issued out under the great seal, that all matters touching the Greames (who had made great inroads, and done much spoil in Scotland) should be heard and determined, according to justice, by the Earl of Shrewsbury, president of the council in the North, and about this time made lord lieutenant of the North. This house of the Greames had lately humbly submitted themselves to the Lord Dacres, one of the wardens of those marches, which he signified by letters to the

A league between England and Scotland.

The Greames,



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council. And they commanded him, in his determinations with Scotland, to use them well and gently henceforth, in case their behaviour should deserve the same; whereby they might the better continue them in their duty of obedience, and by those means keep those marches the rather in quiet and good order. The Lord Dacres took surety of those Greams, to be answerable to justice; but the Master of Maxwell earnestly called upon the said lord, for redress of the attemptates committed by the Greams. The Earl of Shrewsbury was now gone down about this business, and the Lord Dacres was ordered in the mean time to procure, by fair means and gentle persuasions, to move the said Greams to agree to some reasonable redress of the wrongs they had done to the Scots.

A feud be-  
twixt Lord  
Dacres and  
Lord  
Wharton.

The middle marches were, about the month of June, committed to the Lord Wharton, a worthy and discrete gentleman; between whom and the Lord Dacres, another lord warden, was a great feud. The lords of the council heard of this, and fearing it might turn to the disservice of the state, had interposed themselves between them; and often had exhorted them earnestly to lay aside their animosities for the publick good: but malice was too deeply rivetted in their hearts, especially of the Lord Dacres, to come to an amicable understanding. Which occasioned the council to write once more to the said lord to this tenor: "We have so often and so earnestly written unto you, touching the good agreement and friendly joining together of you and the Lord Wharton, that we are weary to persuade you any more in remembrance therof. And yet shal be very sory, if you for your part shal not shew your self as conformable to the king and queen's majesties' desire and ours herein, as we perceive the Lord Wharton for his part very honorably doth. Who continuing therin, as we doubt not he wil, cannot but deserve for that respect, the praise of a good tractable gentleman, as we have good hope your lordship wil on your behalf deserve

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Com. Sa-  
lop. in  
Offic. Arm.

the like." Thus gently did the council now treat this nobleman. 1555.

Now to look a little back, to shew further the endeavours for resettling popery.

The popish bishops were not wanting in their diligence to restore in their dioceses the old abrograted superstitions, and to turn all the clergy out of their benefices and livings, that had in the former reign conformed to the religion then settled, or that had taken wives; and that in no small numbers. And this may soon be discovered by the course of one of them, viz. Bourne, Bishop of Bath and Wells; and we shall shew, from his register, his commission to his vicar-general, and then the proceedings thereupon.

The commission was to John Cottrel, LL.D. his vicar-general: "To institute, induct, command, &c. and those that were intruded into ecclesiastical benefices, to remove, deprive, reform, correct, and punish, &c. Moreover, clerks and priests, as well regular and religious, as secular, whosoever, that were in holy orders, and keeping, in adulterous embraces, women, upon shew of feigned and pretended matrimony; and who had joined themselves unlawfully with the same women; and broken and despised the vow of chastity, and had contracted matrimony, or more truly the *effigies* of matrimony, *de facto*, with women: also, married *laicks*, who, in pretence, and under colour of priestly orders, had rashly and unlawfully mingled themselves in ecclesiastical rights (*in juribus ecclesiasticis*) and had obtained *de facto* parochial churches, with cure of souls, and ecclesiastical dignities, against the sacred sanctions of the canons, and ecclesiastical rites; to deprive and remove from the said churches and dignities; and those so convicted, to separate and divorce from their women, or their wives, or rather their concubines; and to enjoyn salutary and worthy penances, as well to the same clerks, as to the women, for such crimes, &c. Dated the 8th of April, 1554."

Bishop of Bath and Wells, his proceedings with his clergy.

His commission to his vicar-general. Regist. Bourn.

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Upon this  
commis-  
sion, what  
was done.  
Regist.  
Bourn.

Now to see briefly, and in part, what was done in obedience to this commission. April the 11th, royal letters were written to commit to prison, and to keep their bodies there, John More and Richard Brereton. Who these were, and what their crimes, I cannot tell. Perhaps More might be the suffragan of that name; but I find him, in the beginning of the next reign, presented to the church of Chuddon Fitzpain.

Roger Edgeworth, S.T.P. preferred, April the 30th, to be Chancellor of Wells, by the deprivation of John Tayler, alias Cardmaker; who the next year was burnt at a stake for his religion.

Many are  
deprived.

In May following, deprivations were executed upon all these persons, viz. Thomas Day, from Yewelton; Robert Keamys, from the prebend of Whitlakinton; John Smith, from the church of West Cammel. To which the bishop collated William Fynche, his suffragan; John Tayler, or Cardmaker, from the prebend of Comb; John Faber, from the prebend of Timbercomb; another, without name, deprived from the vicarage of Butleigh; Thomas Gennyns, from Norton Pyntly; William Writheosly, from the prebend of Lytton; Nicholas Mason, from the church of Chedsey; George Carew, from the prebend of Barton; John Best, deprived from . . . Thomas Trewbody, from the prebend of Comb 3a. Humfrey Dunn, from the vicarage of Pawlet; Thomas Day, from the vicarage of Lockynge; Stephen Lions, from the vicarage of Il Bruars; Alexander Brown, from the vicarage of S. Decuman; John Welshe, from the church of Curry Malet; William Radbert, from the vicarage of Somerton; another, nameless, deprived of the church of Aishebrylle: all these, about twenty in number, deprived in the month of May; and one or two more resigned; such round work was made. They followed their business the next month, and seventeen more were then deprived; and the deprivations went on in the month of July, and so along the ensuing month, more or less, till March 1555. And some resignations, and some de-



privations, were in this said year 1555, as appears in that bishop's register. 1555.

A case was decided in February, in the Star Chamber, about a chapel in this diocese; obtained in the former reign by one Coke, by virtue of the act "For dissolving Free Chapels, Chauntries, &c. and granting the revenues thereof to the Crown." Which was now restored to the former chaplain, upon pretence, or proof, that this chapel came not under that statute, which cause is thus entered into the said register:

"A decree in the Star Chamber, the 13th of February, 1 Mariæ, between Robert Higden, chaplain of Calcote, and William Coke, of the said village. Where it was decreed, that Calcote was not a free chapel or chauntry within the statute; but a chapel of ease. And the chaplains and successors shall enjoy the same chapel and churchyard, with all the tiths, commodities and oblations, and other duties, in as large and ample maner, as any of the predecessors have enjoyed them, before the making of the statute of chauntries. And it is further ordered, that the said chapel, with bells, font, windows and doors, and seats, be re-edified by the said Coke, in as good estate as it was when he pulled them down. And that he restore the ornaments belonging to it, or the value of them, judged by the court. And also, that the said Coke shall bring into that court to be cancelled, a pretended lease of tiths of the said chapel, which he obtained out of the Court of Augmentations; and the said lease to be cancelled." p. 223.

The pope was not wanting on his part in this favourable juncture, to bring back the English nation to their old devoirs to him, and graciously to overlook and forgive all former backslidings from his religion and laws; for he soon issued a bull of *plenary indulgence* to every one, for all past misdemeanors whatsoever, in as full a manner, as in a year of jubilee, that would give thanks and make a prayer, for the causes therein mentioned.

Chilcote chapel restored to the chaplain.

The pope grants a plenary indulgence. Regist. Bourn.

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It was as follows, as it was taken from the Register of the see of Bath and Wells.

“ *Bulla plenarie indulgentie,*

“ Granted by Julius III. Pope, to all who shall give thanks for the union of the kingdom of England to the holy mother church, and humbly pray for the rest which as yet remain in error, and for peace among Christian princes. The indulgence is granted, for all faults, however grievous and enormous, reserved to the apostolic see; even those that are contained in the *bull* which is read in *Cæna Domini*. And to be absolved for sins committed, and whatsoever vows (except those of chastity and religion) to be changed into other pious works; and those that shall pray, &c. ‘ *Plenariam omnium peccatorum suorum indulgentiam et remissionem, sicut anno jubilei concedi solet, misericorditer in Domino elargimur.*’ Dat. Romæ 9 Kal. Jan. 1554.”

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## CHAP. XXVIII.

Memorable events happening in the months of July, August, September, October, and November. Some remarks upon Bradford and Latimer, martyrs.

July.  
Two burnt.  
One was  
Mr. Bradford.

**M**ASTER BRADFORD, a holy man, and admirable preacher in King Edward’s days, and one of Bishop Ridley’s chaplains, and with him a tallow-chandler’s apprentice, dwelling hard by Newgate, on the first day of July, went to Smithfield to be burnt for religion, by eight of the clock in the morning, surrounded with a great company of people. Of Bradford something will be said hereafter. Of the other young man, whose name was Leafe, it may be observed, that his living so near St. Sepulchre’s, gave him the opportunity to be an auditor of Mr. Rogers, the preacher there, by whom his eyes were enlightened, and his mind instructed in true religion.

In which he was at length so established, that when, 1555.  
as it was reported, Bishop Bonner sent him two bills  
to sign, either one or the other ; by the signing of one  
to save his life, or of the other to lose it ; that is to  
say, a bill of recantation, and a bill of his former  
confession ; he refused the former : and, because he  
could not write, he pricked himself to fetch blood,  
and then sprinkled it upon the letter, signing it after  
that manner, to shew his readiness to confirm his con-  
fession by his blood.

On the 8th day of July, were three more delivered Three more.  
out of Newgate, and sent into the country to be burnt  
for hereticks.

On the 12th, were four burnt at Canterbury, two Four more.  
priests, named Bland and Frankesh, the one incum-  
bent of Adesham, in Kent, and a bringer-up of youth,  
and sometime schoolmaster to Edwin Sandys, after-  
wards Archbishop of York, and the other incumbent  
of Rolvendon, in the same county ; the other two  
were laymen, named Sheterden and Middleton.

On the 22d day, one Richardson, a Scot, who was Richard-  
son, a Scot,  
preaches.  
reader of Whittington College, came up in the after-  
noon to preach at Aldermay Church a recantation  
sermon ; in expectation whereof, was one of the  
greatest audiences as had been known at a private  
church. Richardson continued his sermon from one  
till three, but deceived every one's expectation ; for  
he shewed rather his persistance in his former doc-  
trines, than recanted any.

A report had lately come to the court, being still Apprehen-  
sions upon  
a fleet of  
ships from  
Denmark.  
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at Hampton Court, of a fleet of ships belonging to  
the King of Denmark, to be arrived in or near Scot-  
land. This alarmed the English nation, which was  
once conquered by an invasion of that northern  
people. The council thought fit, July 11, to send to  
the Earl of Shrewsbury, their exploits being so doubt-  
ful as they were, to desire him to learn as much he  
could, at the hands of the wardens, what might be  
thereby intended, who being nearer, might, by their  
diligent espials and other means, procure some



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knowledge; and, but seven days before, the Lord Conyers, Governor of Berwick, gave the Earl of Shrewsbury this account, which was the best intelligence thereof: "That there was a great voice of certain ships, which should have been seen in Scotland, supposed to have been a fleet from the King of Denmark; and that the Scots Queen, being much afraid of their landing, had given strait commandment to all her officers along the sea-coast, to have a careful respect to their charge; and that in no wise they should be suffered to land, until such time as she should have notice, and grant leave." This fleet lay hovering upon these North Seas all the month of July, and the beginning of August. The Scotch Queen at this time commanded a great number of the gentlemen of Scotland, with their powers, to be in readiness against the seventh day of August, at Dumfries, whether it were upon the apprehension of this navy, or some other enterprise; but this somewhat startled the English. And as for the eye these Danish ships cast upon England, the Lord Conyers advised the lord president, in another letter, that they much inquired of the state and strength of the town of Berwick.

But, after all, this fleet did no harm to either kingdom, and seemed only to be against pirates. The conjectures thereof, however intended, were various; some that it was procured by the emperor, to put the King of Denmark's son, or his brother, in the possession of the kingdom of Scotland; some that it was procured by the free cities of Germany, against the emperor, to restrain him, in case he should attempt any thing against them, by the help of England; and some, that this fleet was for the French king's use.

August.  
Another  
burnt.

August 2, was a shoemaker, named Abbes, burnt at St. Edmondsbury, in Suffolk, for heresy.

The king  
and queen  
remove to  
Oatlands.

On the 3d of the same month, the expectation of the queen's great belly being laid aside, she left her chambers at Hampton Court, and the place itself,

and resorted with the king her husband to Oatlands, about four miles off. And as she went through the park to take her barge, there met her by the way a poor man with two crutches, who, when he saw her grace, for joy he flung away his staves, and run after her: of which such notice was taken, that command was given to one to give him a reward. This perhaps was reported as a little miracle wrought by the presence of the queen, to make the people the more to admire her gracious majesty; when all this seemed to be nothing but a common deceit of beggars. 1555.

The late treaty made between Scotland and Eng- [p. 226.]  
land seemed to prove but of small duration, and Preparations  
was looked upon by the English as very dubious; for against  
the Scots delayed evidently to do justice to the Eng- Scotland.  
lish, and withal were making great preparations of armed men, as was shewed before. Whereupon the council resolved to have the borders well guarded, and gave out their orders to the Earl of Shrewsbury, August 6, to this effect, "That by letters from the wardens they perceived what delays of justice were used by the Scots; which sort of dealing, together with those other preparations and rumours that were come to his knowledg, as they could not but seem strange to some of the council, so the more cause of suspicion they brought with them, the greater heed, in their opinion, was to be given to the surety of those frontiers, for the meeting with all attempts that might happen to be offered; and they prayed his lordship to give substantial order, that the force of the borders might be in such readiness, according to a former order sent by them, as might serve to encounter with the Scots practices, if they should happen to attempt any." This was dated from Oatlands, and signed by Winchester, lord treasurer; the Lord Cheyne, Sir Robert Rochester, Sir William Petre, Sir Francis Englefield, Sir Richard Southwel, Sir John Baker, Sir Edward Waldgrave. We shall perhaps hear more hereafter of these matters.

On the 8th day, between four and five in the

1555.  
Two more  
burnt.

morning, was a prisoner, whose name was Denby, delivered out of Newgate, to the sheriff of Middlesex, to be carried unto Uxbridge, to be burnt there on that day, being the market-day, for heresy. For the same crime, on the same day, and in the same town, was Robert Smith burnt, once a retainer to Sir Thomas Smith.

Procession

On the 9th, was a general procession at London, with all the children of the schools in the city; all the sextons, and all the clerks, and all the priests; the Bishop of London; the lord mayor and the aldermen, and all the corporations in their liveries: marching from St. Paul's down Cheapside, through Bucklersbury and Walbrook, and so up Watling-street back to Paul's.

Fight at  
sea.

On the 15th, happened a great sea-fight between the French and the Flemings, and Dutch; wherein divers of both parties were slain and burnt, both men and ships, and divers hulks belonging to the Spaniard, taken with the goods, and brought into Diepe.

A woman  
burnt.

On the 23d, was burnt at Stratford Bow, in the county of Middlesex, a woman, who was wife of John Waren, or Warne, upholster, lately burnt with Cardmaker, in Smithfield, for heresy. The said woman had a son taken at her burning, who was carried to Newgate, to his sister there; for they both shewed a desire to burn for religion. Her name was Joan Laishford, daughter-in-law to Warne and his wife.

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Ambassadors  
come  
home.

On the 24th, the Bishop of Ely, Glyn, Bishop of Bangor, the Lord Viscount Mountacute, Sir Harry Hussey, and divers others, come home from the embassy to Rome; and passed through London in the afternoon.

The king  
and queen  
pass thro'  
London.

Aug. 26. The king and queen came from Westminster, riding through London unto Tower Wharf, where they took their barge unto Greenwich, and landed at the Long Bridge; being received by the lord chancellor, the Bishop of Ely, the Lord Viscount Mountacute, Mr. Comptroller, Sir Richard Southwel, and divers more, together with the guard;



divers holding torches burning. And so they went up to the Friars Observants, lately new founded by the queen. And there their graces made their prayers. At the queen's landing, she received nine or ten supplications. And so back again to the court, with an hundred torches burning. The reason of this cavalcade was, that the queen might publickly shew herself to her subjects, who, upon her long keeping up, upon the account of her belly, was talked and whispered every where to have been dead. The midwives also and rockers being observed to have been dismissed, increased the suspicion. 1555.

On the 28th, certain hereticks went this day out of Newgate into the country to be burnt. Among the rest, Patrick Pachingham, who was burned this day at Uxbridge. More burnt.

The 29th day, being the day of the decollation of St. John Baptist, the Merchant Taylors kept their mass at St. John's, beyond Smithfield. There my Lord of St. John's did offer at mass: and Sir Harry Hubblethorn, Sir Thomas White, and Mr. Harper, aldermen, and all the clothing. And after, the four wardens of the yeomanry, and all the company of the taylors did all offer a penny a-piece. And after mass, unto the Taylor's Hall to dinner. All the choir was hung with cloth of Arras. The Merchant Taylors' procession.

The same day the king took his journey towards Dover, with a great company; and there tarried for a wind, the ships lying ready for his wafting over sea. And, in the beginning of September, he set sail for Calais, and so to Brussels, to visit the emperor, his father. The king goes to Dover.

On the 30th day, a man of Essex was carried out of Newgate, by the sheriff of Middlesex, unto Barnet, to be burnt there for heresy. His name was William Hayle, of Thorpe in Essex. Another burnt.

And the next day, was John Newman, a pewterer, of Maidstone in Kent, burnt at Walden in Essex; where once the blessed Bradford had preached, and

1555. converted a great many to the true faith of Christ. And this execution was to be a terror to these.

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September.  
The court  
fast.

September 4, the queen's grace and the Lady Elizabeth, and all the court, did fast from flesh; to qualify them to take the pope's jubilee and pardon granted to all, out of his abundant clemency.

A conse-  
cration of  
bishops.

The same day were certain bishops consecrated at St. Paul's, viz. Dr. Corwyn, Archbishop of Duvelyn in Ireland, Dr. William Glyn, Bishop of Bangor, and Dr. Troublefield (or Turberville) Bishop of Exeter.

The pope's  
jubilee.

On the 15th day of the same month, the preacher at Paul's declared the pope's jubilee and pardon, sent from Rome. And that as many as would receive the pardon, should be shriven, and fast three days in one week, and receive the sacrament the next Sunday; and after to receive clean remission of all their sins that ever they did, *toties quoties*.

Great  
rains.

On the 29th, were the greatest rains and floods that ever were seen in England. The Low Countries in divers places were drowned, and both men and cattle. All the marshes near London, and such like places, and all the cellars, with the beers and wines, and other wares and merchandizes in them, drowned also. The rains began after Bartholomew-tide, and continued till St. Edward's-tide after, that is, to March 18. Not ten days together fair.

The state  
of the  
queen's  
health.

The queen was now pretty well recovered, and seemed to be in a good state of health, and ready to remove nearer to London, having some expectation of the speedy return of the king her husband to her again. For thus did one Cryche, a servant to the Earl of Shrewsbury, write to him of the news at court, October 13. "The queen's majesty, God be thanked, is in prosperous health, and, as the voice goeth, doth intend to remove to St. James's very shortly, and there to tarry the king's majesty's return; of which, as yet, few or none know the certainty;

October.

for the Spaniards go over still with their stuff so fast as they can, as well from the court, as from London. 1555.

October 16, the serjeants at the law had their feast. Seven were made the same day, and a great dinner after. New serjeants.

On this day also were the reverend fathers, Dr. Latimer, once Bishop of Worcester, and Dr. Ridlëy, late Bishop of London, burnt at Oxford for heresy. Latimer and Ridlëy burnt. They were reputed the greatest preachers in their time; and now died with like courage and constancy, as the rest had done in the same good cause. At their burning, preached Dr. Smith, some time master of Whittington College. Of these two martyrs some things shall be spoken hereafter.

On the 26th day, was one set upon the pillory, for speaking of seditious words. One pillorized.

And on the 28th, in the morning, was a pair of gallows set up in Fleet-stret, beside the well, and two men hanged thereon, for the robbery of a Spaniard. Two executed for robbing a Spaniard. hanging against his gate from the time of [p. 229.] their execution, which was betimes in the morning, all the day in the rains. The Spaniards' gold and riches were great temptations to the English; which made them sometimes venture their necks. But when they were caught, more exemplary punishment was taken of them, by hanging them not at the common place of execution as common felons were, but before the court, or the doors of the Spaniards that were robbed, and by appointing them to hang all day, or sometimes several days. For the queen was very tender of giving them offence.

November the 13th, Dr. Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester, and Lord Chancellor of England, and one of Queen Mary's prime privy counsellors, died in the morning between twelve and one of the clock, at the king's place, called Whitehall, at Westminster. November. Bp. Gardiner, lord chancellor, dies. And by three of the clock he was brought by water to his own place by St. Mary Overy's: And by five



1555. of the clock his bowels were taken out, and buried before the high altar. And at six the knell began there, and a dirge and mass; and all the bells continued ringing till seven at night.

Dirge and  
morrow-  
mass for  
him.

On the 14th day, began the knell again for him. There was then an herse of four branches, with gilt candlesticks, and two white branches, and three dozen of staff-torches. All the choir hung with black and arms; and a dirge sang; and the morrow-mass of *Requiem* sung by Bonner, Bishop of London, the bishops, lords, knights and gentlemen present. And Dr. Whyte, the Bishop of Lincoln, did preach at the same mass. After the ceremonies were over, they all repaired to the place to dinner. The same day, in the afternoon, was dirge sung in every parish in London, and an herse, and ringing, and the morrow-mass of *Requiem*. And so he was prayed for after the old fashion.

Forgery.

Nov. 18. Richard Verre, of Strattebrook in Suffolk, for forging a letter in the names of Andrew Revet and William Bygot, whereby he was like to have brought them within the compass of treason, was adjudged by the court of Star-Chamber to be set on horseback, with his face towards the horse's tail, to be led about Westminster Hall, and so into Cheapside; and there, in open market, to be set on the pillory; and to be burnt in the one cheek with an iron with the letter *F* graven thereon, and burnt also on the other cheek with another iron, and the letter *A* graven thereon, to imply, by the initial letters, *false accuser*. And, after that, he was set on the pillory at Norwich and Ipswich.

The lord  
chancel-  
lor's fune-  
rals cele-  
brated.

On the 21st of November, at noon, began the knell for the late lord chancellor; whose body was then brought to the church of St. Mary Overy's, with a great company of priests and clerks, and all the bishops. And the Bishop of London did execute the office, and wore his mitre. There were two goodly white branches burning; the herse covered with arms and mourning, and four dozen of staves,

and all the choir with black, and his arms. And before the corse went the king of heralds, with his coat and five banners of his arms, and four of images, wrought with fine gold and jewels. At the morrow-mass were said three masses, one of the Trinity, one of our Lady, and the third of *Requiem* for his soul. And after this the company repaired to dinner. His corps was put in a resting place in the church, till a day when he should be taken up and carried unto Winchester to be buried there. Of this man we shall hear more hereafter. 1555.  
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November the 26th, a stripling was whipt about London, and about Paul's Cross, for speaking there against the bishop that had preached the Cross-sermon the Sunday before. A young fellow whipt at Paul's Cross.

This year put a period by fire to the lives of two famous divines, among many others, viz. Bradford and Latimer, as was mentioned before: of whom I shall now make a few remarks.

John Bradford, a native of Lancashire, burnt at Smithfield, was a man of great learning, elocution, sweetness of temper, and profound devotion towards God; a prebendary of St. Paul's, preferred by Bishop Ridley; and one of whose worth the papists themselves were so sensible, that they took more pains to bring him off from the profession of religion, than any other; but he, knowing the truth and goodness of his cause, remained stedfast and immovable. While he was in prison, he spent his time in preaching twice every Sunday, in writing many letters and discourses, praying, reading, conferring, disputing; sleeping but four hours in the night. Many of his writings and letters are preserved by Mr. Fox in his volumes. Besides which, I have met with three or four other treatises of his amongst my MSS. Two or three whereof I have put into the Catalogue, that nothing of so extraordinary a man may be lost. One is, "A Meditation upon God's Providence, and of his Presence." Another, "An wholesome and sound Counsel written in Prison to a dear faithful

Some remarks upon Bradford.

His painfulness.

His writings.

1555. Brother in Christ, being at Liberty." Wherein he inveighed against such as, being friends to the gospel, did yet frequent mass, and outwardly conformed to the idolatrous worship, to save themselves from danger. This letter was printed at Oxon, 1688, with Ridley's Disputation. A third is a Prayer, that God would shorten the persecution, and restore the gospel: composed to be said in the congregation. And being near his death, in expectation of it daily, he wrote a seasonable treatise, "Not to fear Death," which was printed, and afterwards turned into Latin, by some of the exiles (I suppose) for their use and comfort; and intituled, "Institutio divina et verè Consolatoria contra Vim Mortis, Johanne Bradfordo, Anglo, Authore, ex vernacula Lingua in Latinum Sermonem conversa;" but, whether ever printed in this translation, I know not. I have it in MS. The two former I have preserved; though, indeed, the first I have seen in a little obscure book, printed in the year 1622, intituled, "Holy Meditations; by John Bradford, Martyr." But lighting on so good and godly a discourse, I was willing to revive it; that thereby a *specimen* might be taken of the man that wrote it. To which I have added two of his Letters: whereof one is to Traves, a learned and pious gentleman, his patron and counsellor: both writ before he went to study at Cambridge.

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Ridley's  
character  
of him.  
Letter to  
Cheke.

Bradford  
preaches in  
Cam-  
bridge.

Of this man's great service in the church in King Edward's days, Bishop Ridley, whose chaplain he was, used these words, "That he was a man, by whom (as I am assuredly informed) God hath and doth work wonders, in setting forth his word."

He studied in Cambridge, and was a member thereof, having been of Katharine Hall first, and afterwards elected to Pembroke. And he was an earnest preacher there, exciting his auditors to walk worthy of the gospel, and threatening them with terrible judgments, if they neglected the means they then enjoyed. And soon after, as though he had been a prophet, fell the judgment of the sweating



sickness upon them. After his condemnation, he wrote a very passionate letter to this university, wherein he upbraided them for their falling off so lamentably from the profession of the gospel, and bad them repent and remember those excellent men they had lately among them. “Remember (says he to them) the readings and preachings of God’s prophet and true preacher, Mr. Bucer. Cal to mind the threatnings of God, now something seen, by thy children, Lever and others. Let the exile of Lever, Pilkington, Grindal, Haddon, Horn, Scory, Ponet, &c. something awake thee. Let the imprisonment of thy dear sons, Cranmer, Ridley, and Latymer, move thee. Consider the martyrdom of thy chickens, Rogers, Saunders, Tayler. And now cast not away the admonition of me, going to be burned also, and to receive the like crown of glory with my fellows. Take to heart God’s calling by us.—You know, I prophesied to you before the sweat came, what would come, if you repented not your carnal gospelling. And now I tell you, before I depart hence, that the ears of men will tingle to hear the vengeance of God that wil fal upon you al, both town and university, if you repent not ; if you leave not your idolatry ; if you turn not speedily to the Lord ; if you stil be ashamed of Christ’s truth, which you know. Oh ! Pern, repent ! Oh ! Thomson, repent ! Oh ! you doctors, batchelors and masters, repent ! Oh ! maior, aldermen and town-dwellers, repent ! repent ! repent !” This was the present apostate condition of this University, once earnest receivers of the doctrine of the gospel : and these were some of the compassionate solicitations and warnings of this man of God.

From the acts of the judiciary proceedings with this holy man, it appears, that, Jan. 29, in St. Mary Overy’s church, he was brought forth before the Bishop of Winchester ; who tempted him to come again to the unity of the church, as he styled it, that is, to comply with all the Roman superstitions ; which, when he would by no means yield to, he was accused

1555.  
And writes  
to the uni-  
versity.

Judiciary  
proceed-  
ings a-  
gainst him.

1555. by the said bishop, for believing and defending, that the true and natural body of Christ was not in the sacrament of the altar; and that there were only material bread and wine there. And no other article but this was laid to his charge, for which he was condemned: to which article Bradford answered, "That Christ is present in the sacrament by faith, to faith, and in faith, and none otherwise. And saith, that Christ is not in the sacrament by transubstantiation. And saith, that simply he believeth no transubstantiation. Also, that it is not the body of Christ, but to him that receiveth it; and that any evil man doth not receive it *in forma panis*: and that after and before the receipt, there is the substance of bread." The next day, as he was ordered, he appeared again. Then the bishop exhorted him by many arguments and reasons to reconcile himself, and to return to the church; but not prevailing, he made short work, and read the sentence of condemnation upon him; and so he was delivered to the secular hand, that is, to the sheriffs of London. The sentence was much what the same that was pronounced against Hoper, mentioned before. One thing I observe in it, that Bradford is styled *Laicus*, and so he is all along styled in the process, as though they disowned the ordination he received from the hands of Ridley, Bishop of London.

Bradford's  
ordination.

His care in  
making  
restitution.

I cannot but mention one thing more concerning this holy man; while he followed the study of the law at the temple, London, he was steward to Sir John Harrington, Kt. treasurer of the king's camps and buildings, and kept his books and accounts; whom he therefore called his master, in whose service once he took up some money (and that it seems in his master's name) which he was not able presently to repay. But interest and application were made by friends on his behalf, and at length, in May 1548, his master was prevailed with to pay the debt for him, and he to become debtor to his master, and so Sir John bound himself under his hand to pay the

sum before Candlemas next ensuing. But while this thing depended (which he called in his letters his *great thing*) the conscience of his fault did exceedingly afflict him. He confessed his fault to his master, owned his debt, offered all the satisfaction he could. And because, beside confession and repentance, restitution was required, which he was not yet able enough in purse to do, he intended to offer himself to be a bondman to his creditor, according as he read in the Jewish law. Concerning this intention of his, he writ to a faithful friend (Father Traves, I suppose) desiring him to resort to Latimer (who was privy to his matter) and advise with him concerning this selling of his body to make restitution. When he came to the reverend father, he was busy in preparing a sermon to be preached the next Sunday before the king, but in short signified his dislike of so rigorous and unusual a course, and said, that he would not have him go so far; and that better counsel or more he could not now give him, than he had before done, viz. that he should wait, and commit the whole to God. He consulted also with his aforesaid friend, and poured out his trouble into his bosom, fearing much, lest he should die before he had made his restitution. But soon after, going to study in Cambridge, means was made that the debt was paid, and his heart set at rest; which he thus expressed in a letter to his friend Traves: "God hath wrought the restitution of the *great thing* you know of, the which benefit should bind me to al obedience." His friend's letter to him with relation to the said business, may be read in the Catalogue.

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published.

I have but one thing more to add concerning this holy man; which is, that there are threescore and sixteen letters of his printed in the Collection of the Letters of the Martyrs, most of which were writ during his imprisonment, which are many more than be extant in Fox.

In the month of October, was Hugh Latimer, an old disciple, burnt at Oxon. Besides what I have

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Hugh Latimer.



1555. in the course of this history and elsewhere wrote of  
 Foxii MSS. him, I shall here add a few more memorable pas-  
 sages concerning him, that deserve to remain on  
 record. “ It pleased Almighty God (I do now but  
 transcribe from a writing of Ralph Morice, Bishop  
 Cranmer’s secretary) to call Hugh Latymer unto the  
 knowledge of the truth of God’s holy word, by the  
 godly lecture of divinity read by Mr. George Stafford,  
 in the university school of Cambridge; and of a Saul,  
 had, as it were, made him a very Paul: for otherwise,  
 all the days of his life he had bestowed his time in the  
 labyrinth study of the school doctors, as in Dunce,  
 Dorbel, Thomas of Aquine, Hugo de Victore, with  
 such like. Insomuch, that being mightily affected  
 that way, he of purpose, perceiving the youth of the  
 university inclined to the reading of the scriptures  
 (leaving off those tedious authors, and that kind of  
 study) being a batchelor of divinity, and for his gravity  
 and years preferred to the keeping of the university  
 cross, which no man had to do withal, but such an  
 one as in sanctimony of life excelled other, came into  
 the Sopham School, among the youth, there gathered  
 together of daily custom to keep their sophams and  
 disputations; and there most eloquently made to  
 them an oration, dissuading them from this new-  
 fangled kind of study of the scriptures; and vehe-  
 mently persuaded them to the study of the school  
 authors; which he did, not long before that he was  
 so mercifully called to the contrary. And as he felt  
 by this his divine vocation, that all his other study  
 little profited him, but was rather a stumbling-block  
 unto him, then intending to preach to the world the  
 sincere doctrine of the gospel; so he mightily, tract-  
 ing no time, preached daily in the university of Cam-  
 bridge, both in English, and *ad clerum*, to the great  
 admiration of all men, that aforetime had known him  
 of a contrary severe opinion.

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Becomes  
 a great  
 preacher at  
 Cambridge

The Bishop  
 of Ely  
 comes to  
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“ Insomuch, that Bishop West, then Bishop of  
 Ely, hearing of this Mr. Latymer’s conversion, deter-  
 mined with himself to come and hear him preach,

but that should be suddain, and withouten any intelligence to be given to Latymer. And so it came to pass, that on a time, when Mr. Latymer had prepared to preach in the university a sermon *ad clerum*, in Latin, the bishop hearing thereof, came secretly and suddainly from Ely, and entred into the university-church, accompanied with certain men of worship (Latymer then being well entred into his sermon) whose approach being honourable, Latymer gave place, and surceased from farther speaking, until the bishop and his retinue were quietly placed. That done, after a good pause, Latymer beginneth to speak to his auditory after this sort: It is of congruence meet (quoth he) that a new auditory, namely, being more honourable, requireth a new theme, being a new argument to intreat of. Therefore it behoveth me now to divert from mine intended purpose, and somewhat to intreat of the honourable estate of a bishop. Therefore, let this be the theme (quoth he) *Christus existens pontifex futurorum bonorum*, &c. This text he so fruitfully handled, expounding every word; and setting forth the office of Christ so sincerely, as the true and perfect pattern unto al other bishops, that should succede him in his church, that the bishop then present might wel think of himself, that he, nor none of his fellows, were of that race of bishops, which Christ meant to have succede in his church after him; but rather of the fellowship of Caiaphas and Annas.

“This notwithstanding, the bishop being a very wise and politique worldly man, after the sermon finished, called to him Mr. Latymer, and said, Mr. Latymer, I heartily thank you for your good sermon: assuring you, that if you wil do one thing at my request, I wil kneel down, and kiss your foot, for the good admonition that I have received of your sermon: assuring you, that I never heard mine office so wel and substantially declared before this time. What is your lordship’s plesure that I should do for you, quoth Mr. Latymer? Mary, quoth the bishop, that

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mer preach  
at St.  
Mary’s.

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The bishop  
sends for  
him.

His words  
to him.

1555. you will preach me in this place one sermon against Martin Luther, and his doctrin. Said then Mr. Latymer again, My lord, I am not acquainted with the doctrin of Luther, nor are we permitted here to read his works; and therefore it were but a vain thing for me to refute his doctrin, not understanding what he hath written, nor what opinion he holdeth. Sure I am, quoth Latymer, that I have preached before you this day no manys doctrin, but only the doctrin of God out of the scriptures. And if Luther do none otherwise than I have don, there needeth no confutation of his doctrin. Otherwise, when I understand he doth teach against the scripture, I will be ready with al my heart to confound his doctrin, as much as lyeth in me. Wel, wel, Mr. Latymer, I perceiue that you somewhat smel of the pan: you wil repent this gear one day. And so the bishop, never a whit amended by the sermon, practised with Mr. Latymer's foes from that day forwards to put him to silence." (And came not long after to Barnwel Abbey, and preached against him, and then forbad him to preach henceforward in any churches within the university.)

Sent for by  
Cardinal  
Wolsey.

"Insomuch, that grievous complaint was made of him by divers papists of the university, as by Mr. Tirrel (fellow of the King's Hall) and others, unto Cardinal Wolsey; that he preached very seditious doctrin, infecting the youth of the university with Luther's opinions. Whereupon the cardinal sent for him to York Place; and there, attending upon the cardinal's plesure, he was called before him into his inner chamber, by the sound of a little bell, which the cardinal used to ring, when any person should come or approach unto him. When Mr. Latymer was before him, he well advised him, and said, Is your name Latymer? Yea, forsooth, quoth Latymer. You seem, quoth the cardinal, that you are of good years, nor no babe, but one that should wisely and soberly use your self in all your doings: and yet it is reported to me of you, that you are much infected

His words  
to Latymer.



with this new fantastical doctrin of Luther, and such like heretics, that you do very much harm among the youth, and other light heads, with your doctrin. Said Mr. Latymer again, your grace is misinformed; for I ought to have some more knowledge, than to be so simply reported of, by reason that I have studied, in my time, both of the antient doctors of the church, and also of the school doctors. Marie, that is wel said, quoth the cardinal; I am glad to hear that of you; and, therefore, quoth the cardinal, you Mr. Dr. Capon, and you Mr. Dr. Marshal (both being there present) say you somewhat to Mr. Latymer touching some question in Duncce. Whereupon Dr. Capon propounded a question to Mr. Latymer. Mr. Latymer, being fresh then of memory, and not discontinued from study, as those two doctors had been, answered very roundly; somewhile helping them to cite their own allegations rightly, where they had not perfectly nor truly alledged them.

“The cardinal, perceiving the ripe and ready answering of Latymer, said, What mean you, my masters, to bring such a man before me into accusation? I had thought that he had been some light-headed fellow, that never studied such kind of doctrin as the school authors are. I pray thee, Latymer, tel me the cause why the Bishop of Ely and other do mislike thy preachings; tell me the truth, and I will bear with thee upon amendment. Quoth Latymer, your grace must understand, that the Bishop of Ely cannot favour me, for that not long ago I preached before him, in Cambridge, a sermon of this text, *Christus existens pontifex*, &c. wherein I described the office of a bishop so uprightly as I might, according to the text, that never after he could abide me; but hath not only forbidden me to preach in his dioces, but also found the means to inhibit me from preaching in the university. I pray you, tel me, quoth the cardinal, what thou didst preach before him upon that text. Mr. Latymer, plainly and simply (committing his cause unto Almighty God, who

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cardinal's  
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and licence  
to preach.

1555. is director of princes hearts) declared unto the cardinal the whole effect of his sermon preached before the Bishop of Ely. The cardinal, nothing at al misliking the doctrin of the word of God that Latymer had preached, said unto him, Did you not preach any other doctrin than you have rehersed? No, surely, said Latymer. And examining throughly with the doctors, what els would be objected against him, the cardinal said unto Mr. Latymer, if the Bishop of Ely cannot abide such doctrin, as you have here repeated, you shall have my licence, and shall preach it unto his beard, let him say what he wil. And therupon, after a gentle monition given unto Mr. Latymer, the cardinal discharged him with his licence home to preach throughout England.

Shews his  
licence in  
the univer-  
sity.

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“ Now when Latymer came to Cambridge, every man thought there that he had been utterly put to silence. Notwithstanding, the next halyday after, he entred into the pulpit, and shewed his licence, contrary to al men’s expectation. Not long after, it chanced the cardinal to fal into the king’s displesure, wherupon divers report, that Mr. Latymer’s licence was extincted. Mr. Latymer answering therunto in the pulpit, said, where ye think that my licence decayeth with my lord cardinal’s temporal fal, I take it nothing so; for he being, I trust, reconciled to God, from his pomp and vanities, I now set more by his licence than ever I did before, when he was in his most felicity.”

Latimer  
visits  
Bayneham  
in New-  
gate.  
Fox. MSS.

After this, Mr. Latimer was retained in the court, and resorted much to London, and preached the gospel in divers churches there, to the great benefit of many, and the propagation of religion. Here, in 1532, he gave a charitable visit to James Bayneham, a little before his burning, upon this occasion. “After Mr. Bayneham had been condemned between More, the lord chancellor, and the bishops, and committed unto the secular power to be brent, and so, immediately after his condempnation, lodged up in the deep dungeon in Newgate, ready to be sent to the fire,

Edward Isaac, of the parish of Wel, in the county of Kent; and William Morice, of Chipping Ongar, in the county of Essex, Esq. and Raphe Morice, brother unto the said William, being together in one company, met with Mr. Latymer in London; and for that they were desirous to understand the cause of the said Bayneham's condemnation, being to many men obscure and unknown, they entreated Mr. Latymer to go with them to Newgate, to th' intent to understand by him the very occasion of his said condemnation; and otherwise to comfort him to take his death quietly and patiently. When Mr. Latymer and thother before named, the next day before he was brent, were come down into the dungeon, where all things seemed utterly dark, there they found Bayneham sitting upon a couch of straw, with a book and a wax candle in his hand, praying and reading thereupon. 1555.

“ And, after salutation made, Mr. Latymer began to commune with him in this sort: Mr. Bayneham, we hear say, that you are condemned for heresy to be brent; and many men are in doubt, wherfore you should suffer, and I, for my part, am desirous to understand the cause of your death; assuring you, that I do not allow, that any man should consent to his own death, unles he had a right cause to dy in. Let not vainglory overcome you in a matter that men deserve not to dy for; for therein you shall neither please God, do good to yourself, nor your neighbour. And better it were for you to submit your self to the ordinances of men, than so rashly to finish your life without good ground; and therefore we pray you to let us understand the articles that you are condemned for. I am content, quoth Bayneham, to tel you altogether. The first article that they condemne me for, is this, That I reported that Thomas Becket, sometime Archbishop of Canterbury, was a traitor, and was dampned in hel, if he repented not; for that he was in armes against his prince, as a rebel; pro- [p. 237.] voking other foreign princes to invade the realm, to

Latimer  
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1555. the utter subversion of the same. Then said Mr. Latymer, where read you this? Quoth Mr. Bayneham, I read it in an old history. Wel, said Mr. Latymer, this is no cause at all worthy for a man to take his death upon; for it may be a ly, as well as a true tale; and in such a doubtful matter, it were mere madnes for a man to jeopard his life. But what else is layd to your charge? The truth is, said Bayneham, I spake against purgatory, that there was no such thing, but that it picked men's purses; and against satisfactory masses: which (assertions of mine) I defended by the authority of the scriptures. Mary, said Mr. Latymer, in these articles your conscience may be so stayed, that you may seem rather to dy in the defence thereof, than to recant both against your conscience and the scriptures also. But yet beware of vainglory; for the devil will be ready now to infect you therewith, when you shall come into the multitude of the people. And then Mr. Latymer did animate him to take his death quietly and patiently. Bayneham thanked him heartily therfore. And I likewise, said Bayneham, do exhort you to stand to the defence of the truth; for you, that shall be left behind, had need of comfort also, the world being so dangerous as it is: and so spake many comfortable words to Mr. Latymer.

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“At the length Mr. Latymer demanded of him, whether he had a wife or no? With that question Bayneham fel a weeping. What, quoth Latymer, is this your constancy to Godwards? What mean you thus to weep? O! Sir, said Bayneham to Mr. Latymer, you have now touched me very nigh. I have a wife, as good a woman as ever man was joyned unto; and I shal leave her now, not only without substance, or any thing to live by, but also, for my sake, she shal be an opprobrie unto the world, and be pointed at of every man in this sort, Yonder goeth a heretique's wife! and therefore she shall be disdained for my sake; which is no small grief unto me. Mary, Sir, quoth Latymer, I perceive that you are a very

weak champion, that wil be overthrowne with such a vanity. Where are become all those comfortable words, that so late you alledged unto us, that should tary here behind you? I mervail what you mean. Is not Almighty God hable to be husband to your wife, and a father unto your children, if you commit them to him in a strong faith? I am sory to se you in this taking, as though God had no care of his, when he numbred the hairs of a manys head. If he do not provide for them, the fault is in us, that mistrusteth him. It is our infidelity that causeth him to do nothing for ours. Therefore, repent, Mr. Bayneham, for this mistrusting of Almighty God's goodnes; and be you sure, and I do most firmly believe it, that if you do commit your wife with a strong faith unto the governance of Almighty God, and so dy therein, that within this two years, peradventure in one year, she [p. 238] shal be better provided for, as touching the felicity of this world, than you, with al your policy, could do for her your self, if you were presently here. And so, with such like words, expostulating with him for his feeble faith, he made an end. Mr. Bayneham calling his spirits to himself, most heartily thanked Mr. Latymer for his good comfort and counsel; saying plainly, that he would not for much good, but he had come thither to him; for nothing in the world so much troubled him, as the care of his wife and family. And so they departed. And the next day Bayneham was burnt." Of whose death this wonderous thing is recorded, that in the midst of the flames he professed openly, that he felt no pain; and that the fire seemed unto him as easy as lying down in a bed of downe. But return we to Latimer, who glorified God twenty-three years after in the same manner of death, and under the same imputation of heresy.

As for his writings, I know none else published, but his sermons set forth by his faithful servant Augustin Bernher; and divers letters, and a sermon or two, and his protestation, all extant in Fox. For as

Latimer's  
writings.

1555. Cranmer and Ridley had delivered in writing their sentiments, or protestations, upon the three questions propounded by the papists, to them, to dispute on at Oxford, so old Father Latymer also delivered his. A copy whereof, such as Fox could then procure, is recorded in his Acts and Monuments; but it is very imperfect, and many mistakes made, and many things omitted, as I find by a very good copy that I have met with among the Foxian MSS. and therefore I have placed it in the Catalogue, that all the relicks of such eminent professors and planters of religion, and furtherers of the reformation, might be preserved.

His protestation.

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The contents thereof.

In this protestation, "He prayed his lords and masters, the *transubstantiators* (as he styled them) to take better heed of their doctrine, lest they conspired with some ancient heretics, who denied that Christ had a true natural body; which heresy he knew not how they could avoid, who would have the natural body of Christ contained in a wafer cake. He said, that the sacrifice of the mass was really invented and maintained for the support of priests; and therefore he asketh, what St. Paul meant, to say, 'That the Lord hath ordained, that they that preach the gospel should live of the gospel?' when, as he should rather have said, that the Lord hath ordained, that they that sacrifice at mass, should live of the sacrificing. Indeed, said he, the Holy Ghost appointed no living for the mass-sayers in God's word, but they had appointed themselves a living in antichrist's decrees. He was sure, if God would have a new kind of sacrificing priests at mass, then would Christ, or some of his apostles, have made some mention thereof. But, belike, said he (according to his pungent way of speaking) his secretaries were not the massers friends; and he could not wonder enough that Peter, and all the apostles, should thus negligently forget the office of sacrificing.

[p. 239.] "Then he charged the queen's commissioners for keeping him so strictly, that no man might come at him to supply him in his needs; no, not so much as



to mend his hose, though he had but one pair; that to him, that had preached hours two or three together before kings, when he was before them, they would not give him a quarter of an hour's space, to declare to them his faith, without such checks, taunts, and revilings, as the like to which he never in al his life saw; for which, he supposed, he had given them some great cause; and he thought it might be, that he asked them, *If their god of the altar had any marrow bones?* For that he had read over the Testament seven times in prison, with great deliberation, and could never find in the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, either flesh, bloud, or bones, nor the word *transubstantiation*. He bad the sacrificing priests therfore stand from the altar, having no authority in God's book to offer up our Redeemer; nor would he any more come into the hands of sacrificing priests, for the good cheer they once made him, when he was among their sworn generation. (He meant the Jewish priests, who crucified him.) He bad the lay people to go away from the forged sacrifices, and chuse, whether they would ride to the devil with idolaters, or go to heaven with Christ and his members, by bearing his cross."

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He told the popish dignitaries plainly, "That if the queen had any pernicious enemies within her realms, those they were that caused her to maintain idolatry, and wet her sword of justice in the bloud of those her people, that were set to defend the gospel: for he was afraid it would make this commonwealth of England to quake shortly. He bad them take warning by a number of other countries brought to desolation, that forsook God's known truth, and followed the lyes of men. He told those commissioners, who were sent to judge them, that they were not learned, whatsoever they thought of themselves, because they knew not Christ and his pure word: for that it was nothing but plain ignorance to know many things, without Christ and his gospel. He made a particular remark upon Dr.

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1555. Weston (one of the commissioners that had condemned him and his two fellows) that he had been curate of the church neer Bishopsgate al King Edward's reign, and had owned the doctrine they allowed, and held him wel content, to feed his parishioners with the doctrine that he now called *heresy*: praying God to send him a more merciful judgment at the hand of Christ, than they had received of him."

And in fine, he said, "He would stand to the answer he had made, even to the fire; and declared, that he dyed for the truth: and seeing the queen's proceedings were directly against God's word, he would obey God more than man, and embrace the stake." In this and much more did Latymer's excellent protestation consist, wherein, besides his divinity and constancy, one may perceive notable footsteps, in this his old age, of his former quickness, acutenes and παῖψησία.

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Apomaxis.

And, lastly, let me add one thing more of this famous divine, that he was one of the first, which in the days of King Henry VIII. set himself to preach the gospel in the truth and simplicity of it, which he did with great eloquence and conviction: insomuch that a man of great sobriety and learning, I mean Sir R. Morison, asketh this question concerning him, "Did there ever any man flourish, I say not in England only, but in any nation in the world, after the apostles, who preached the gospel more sincerely, purely, and honestly, than Hugh Latymer, Bishop of Worcester?" The method and course of his doctrine, was to set the law of Moses before the eyes of the people, in all the severities and curses of it, thereby to put them the more in fear of sin; and to beat down their confidence in their own performances, and so to bring them to Christ, convincing them thereby of their need of him, and of flying to him by an evangelical faith. He took occasion much, in these his discourses about the law, to shew, that those that believed in Christ were freed from the law of

Moses ; and therefore, they being the sons of God, they were not, like Jews, to be thrust upon servile works ; and Latimer would that the observation of ceremonies should be turned upon the Jews, who would not submit themselves to Christ, nor enter into society with him. He could not brook, that such as were hastening to heaven, should be detained and taken up by the way by thieves and robbers, as he expressed it ; that is, to be cast into the pope's prison of purgatory, to be tormented, and never to depart thence, unless money were paid to the robbers. He declaimed against the opinion of obtaining pardon of sin and salvation by singing of masses, and by monks' cowls. He taught them, on the contrary, that one Christ was the author of salvation, and that he, by the one only oblation of his body, did sanctify for ever all those that believe. That to him was given the key of David, and that he opened, and none could shut ; and that he shut, and none could open. He preached how God loved the world, and so loved it, that he delivered his only Son to be slain, that all that from henceforth believed in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life. That he was a propitiation for our sins ; and that therefore, upon him alone we must cast all our hopes : and that, however men were loaden with sins, they should never perish, to whom he imputed not sin ; and that none of them should fail that believed in him. These were the spiritual and sound contents of his sermons, when, and before he was Bishop of Worcester ; quite different from the insipid, unprofitable preachings of the priests, the monks and friars. This was the account that the learned man aforesaid, who lived in those days, gave of this worthy martyr's method of preaching. 1555.



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## CHAP. XXIX.

Latimer's letters. Bishop Ridley his character.

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VARIOUS are the letters of this reverend father, and penned with an excellent *acumen*, and intermixed with a very hearty and honest zeal for God and his truth; divers of which are preserved by Mr. Fox; among the rest of them registered in his volume, there be two that deserve some more particular remark.

His letter  
to King  
Henry  
against the  
prelates.

The one was to King Henry; occasioned by a proclamation, which he set forth against having the scripture in English, making it treason so to do; led on hereunto by the popish clergy; in which he boldly spake against the wealth and grandeur of spiritual men: mentioning to the king, "How they endeavoured to withstand and break the acts, which were done in the last parliament (preceding this his letter) against their superfluities. Yet he would not that his grace should take away the goods due to the church, but take away all evil persons from the goods, and set better in their stead. Then he fell upon their persecution of the gospel, and the true professors of it; and that because they cared not for the clear light; and they whose works were naught, dared not to come to this light, but went about to stop and hinder it; and that made them let, as much as they might, the holy scripture to be read in the mother tongue, saying, that it would cause heresy and insurrection; and so they laboured to persuade his grace. But this was their shameless boldness, which were not ashamed, contrary to Christ's doctrine, thus 'to gather grapes of thorns and figs of thistles'."

He told the king, "How others had shewed him, how necessary it was to have the scriptures in English; and how that his grace had promised it in a late proclamation. He prayed the king, that the wicked-

ness of these worldly men might not detain him from his godly purpose and promise. He admonished him, that seeing Christ had sent his servants, that is to say, the true preachers, and his own word, to comfort weak and sick souls, he would not suffer these *worldly men* (as he still called them) to make his grace believe, that they would cause insurrections and heresies, and such mischiefs as they imagined of their own brains, lest God be avenged, *saith he*, upon you and your realms.” 1555.

And whereas the king had lately set forth a proclamation against keeping certain good books, *he said*, “The very true cause of it, and his counsellors therein, *as the fame went, and not unlikely*, were they, whose evil living and cloaked hypocrisy those books uttered and disclosed; as indeed many times before, they had set forth, *he said*, their own conceits in the king’s name, and as his proclamation. And what marvel, that they who were so nigh of his council, and so familiar with his lords, should provoke his grace and them to prohibit these books, who before, by their own authority, had forbid the New Testament, under pain of everlasting damnation; and yet the book was meekly offered to every man that would, or could, to amend it, if there were any fault. p. 226.

“That it was not these books were the causes of so many extortioners, bribers, murderers, and thieves, that broke his grace’s laws and ordinances, and the commandments of Almighty God, but rather their *pardons*; which caused many a man to sin in trust of them. And those very malefactors before said, were the men that cried out most against these books, and also against them that had them; and would have been glad to spend the goods they had wrongfully gotten upon faggots, to burn both the books, and them that had them.

“That his purpose in thus writing was the love that he had to God, and the glory of his name; and for the true allegiance he owed to his grace, and not

1555. to hide in the ground of his heart the talent which was given him of God, but to chaffer it forth, and to exhort his grace to avoid and beware of these mischievous flatterers, and their abominable ways and counsels. He bad him take heed whose counsels he took in this matter: for some there were, that for fear of losing their worldly worship and honour, would not leave their opinions; which rashly, and to please the men by whom they had their promotions, they took upon them to defend by writing: so that now they thought all their felicity, which they placed in this life, would be marred, and their wisdom not so greatly regarded, if that which they had so scandalously opprest, should be now put forth and allowed. That they were so drowned in worldly wisdom, that they thought it against their worship to acknowledge their ignorance.

“ *Finally*, He prayed God, that his grace might be found acceptable in his sight, and one of the members of his church; and that according to his office that God had called him unto, he might be found a faithful minister of his gifts, and not a *defender of his faith* by man, or man’s power, but by God’s word only. He prayed him to remember himself, to have pity upon his soul, and to think that the day was at hand, that he must give account of his office, and of the blood that had been shed with his sword.”

This letter is said to have been writ December 1, 1530, if there be no error in the print of the date; we may conclude it penned while Latimer was now at court, entertained by Dr. Butts, and by him brought unto the presence and knowledge of the king, who then made use of him, as a fit man to assist in his assuming his *supremacy*. In this letter we may note the boldness of this reverend man, in opposing the prelates, and in so plain an address to so haughty a prince, whom it was so dangerous to gainsay; and how he adventured his life in a frank discharge of his conscience.



The other letter was wrote, as it seems, after he had resigned his bishoprick and lived privately in Warwickshire, to a gentleman and a justice of the peace of the county; whom he had so offended by reproving him freely for a certain fault, that the gentleman sent him a very threatening letter, telling him, that he would not bear it at his hand, though he were the best bishop in England. To whom Latimer replied, "That, as to the admonitions he had given him, he used to commit such trespasses many a time in a year with his betters by two or three degrees, both lords and ladies of the best rank, and yet had not heard that any of them had said in their displeasure, 'That they would not bear it at his hand.' He asked the gentleman if he were to be taught, what the office, liberty and privilege of a preacher was, namely, to reprove the world of sin, without respect of persons. He told him, he would flatter no man, nor yet claw his back in his folly, but esteem all men as he found them, allowing what was good, and disallowing what was bad."

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Latimer to  
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proved.

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The case was this, this gentleman's brother had wronged a poor man, Latimer's neighbour, in detaining some of his goods; whom therefore Latimer sent for, and required him to do the wronged man right. He pretended he was willing to refer the cause to his brother, a justice; who made an award, and promised that satisfaction should be made by his brother unto the poor man; but neither the award nor promise was performed: and he rather maintained his brother's iniquity by falsehood and shifting. Latimer told him plainly, "That he would not his awardship should take place, he shewed himself nothing inclinable to the redress of his brother's unright dealing with an honest poor man; who had been ready, at his request, to do him pleasure with his things, or else he had never come into the wrangle for his own goods with his brother."

The gentleman had told Latimer (as in his own vindication) that the justices in the country thought it

1555. unnatural that he should take part with him before his own brother. To which Latimer makes this reply, asking, with some wonder, "What a sentence that was to come out of his mouth? for partaking was one thing, and ministring justice another; and a worthy minister of justice would be no partaker, but of indifference between party and party. He asked him, whether ever he required him to take any part? No, he required him to minister justice between his brother and the poor man, without any partaking with either. And then he asked what manner of justices were they, that would have this gentleman to take part naturally with his brother, when as he ought and should amend his brother? What! *justices*? No, *jugglers*, he thought such might more worthily be called. Finally, he told him, that there was neither archbishop nor bishop, nor any learned man in either university, or elsewhere, that he was acquainted withal, but they should write unto him, and confute him by their learning. No godly man of the law in the realm, that he was acquainted with, but should write unto him, and confute him by the law. No lord, nor lady, nor yet any noble personage of the realm, that he was acquainted with, but should write unto him, and threaten him with their authority. I will (said he) do all this, yea, and kneel upon my knees before the king's majesty, and all his honourable council, with most humble petition for your reformation, rather than the devil shall possess you still to your final damnation." This was his love of justice, and care for relieving poor men from their oppressors.

Two letters  
of Latimer,  
sent out of  
prison.

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There be two letters of this eminent servant of God which I have by me in manuscript, penned in his captivity, and, I think, never printed. Which I therefore publish, by laying them in the Catalogue; and the rather, because among all his letters in Fox's Martyrology, there is only one very short letter, written out of prison; which was a thankful acknowledgment to Mrs. Wilkinson, for sending him some relief. And Fox speaks somewhere, that he found

very few or none written by him to his friends abroad ; 1555.  
he means, out of prison.

The former was written to a certain prisoner for the gospel unnamed. This person was offered for money to be delivered out of his captivity ; but he refused to give any, thinking it not lawful to do so ; namely, to buy off the cross that Christ laid upon him for a price. For which, the good old father, in this letter, approves and commends him ; and states the case, whether it be lawful for the prisoners of Christ to buy their liberty ; quoting St. Paul's expression to the Philippians, " That it is given to us, not to believe only, but to suffer for his name.—If suffering then (said he) be the gift of God, how can we sell the gift of God, and give money to be rid of it?" And another place of St. Paul he allegeth, where that apostle bids " a man to abide in the vocation wherein he is called. — But (saith he) to suffer for the truth is God's calling ; and therefore we must abide in this calling." But I refer the reader to the letter itself.

The former to one in prison for the gospel,

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The latter was written by him out of Bocardo, the prison of Oxford, to the professors of religion under sufferings and persecutions. Herein he tells them, " That now was the time in which the Lord's ground would be known, namely, who had received God's gospel in their hearts, to the taking good root therein." Alluding to the *good ground* and the *good and honest heart* in the parable. " For such would not shrink for a little heat, or burning weather. He exhorted them to go forward after their Master Christ, not sticking at the foul way, or stormy weather ; being certain that the end of their storm would be pleasant and joyful, and such a perpetual rest and blessedness, as would swallow up the storms they now felt. That they were not alone, but many of their brethren and sisters pressed on the same way. He exhorted them to pray to God, that he would make both himself and them meet to suffer with good consciences. Die once they must ; and happy they whom God gave

The other to the professors under persecutions.



1555. to pay Nature's debt, that is, to die for God's sake. Here was not their home. He bad them to have always before their eyes the heavenly Jerusalem; the way thereunto ever being persecution. Let us follow the footsteps of Christ and his friends (said he) even to the gallows, if God's will be so." This and a great deal more of such warm counsel and comfort will be read in the letter itself.

No.  
XXXVI.

Bishop  
Ridley his  
character,  
from Dr.  
Turner's  
Letter to  
Fox.

Fox's MS.

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At the same stake, with this Reverend Father Latimer, was also burnt another holy father, and very learned man, Dr. Ridley, Bishop of London; of whom to all that I elsewhere, and others, have writ concerning him, I will here add a little more, which shall be nothing but some relation of the place of his birth, and of his qualities, set down by one that was his countryman, collegian, and contemporary; I mean Dr. Turner, Dean of Wells, in a letter which he wrote to Mr. Fox. *De Ridlæo plura dicere possum, &c.* I shall transcribe it into our vulgar language. "Concerning Ridley, I am able to say things more, and more certain, than you have in your book set down, as being born in the same country with him, and for many years his collegian in Pembroke Hall, and his opponent in theological exercises. He was born in my native county of Northumberland, and sprung of the gentile pedigree of the Ridleys: one of his uncles was a knight, and another was doctor of divinity, who, by the name of Robert Ridley, was famous, not only at Cambridge, but at Paris, where he long studied; and throughout Europe, by the writings of Polydore Virgil. At the charges of this doctor was our Nicolas long maintained at Cambridge, afterwards at Paris, and lastly at Louvain. After his return from the schools beyond the seas, he lived with us for many years in Pembroke Hall; but at length was called away from us to the Bishop of Canterbury, whom he served faithfully. And lastly, was raised to the dignity of a bishop. The town where he was born was called Wilowmontiswick, now Willowmont, in the Northumbrian language signify-

ing the *Duck of the Rocks*, or the *Rock Duck*; and 1555.  
*wick* signified *vicus*, or *town*, as appears in the words  
*Anwic*, and *Berwic*, and *Crowic*.

“ Concerning his memory, and his manifold know- His me-  
 ledge of tongues and arts, although I am able to be mory and  
 an ample witness (for he first instructed me in a fur- manifold  
 ther knowledge of the Greek tongue), yet, without knowledge.  
 my testimony, almost all Cantabrigians, to whom he  
 was sufficiently known, will and can testify. How  
 able he was in confuting or overthrowing any thing,  
 yet without any boasting or noise of arms, not only  
 I, but all with whom he disputed, easily perceived;  
 unless he understood that they thirsted more after  
 glory than was fit, for this he used to set himself  
 more vigorously to crush. His behaviour was very  
 obliging, and very pious, without hypocrisy, or monk- Courteous.  
 ish austerity; for very often he would shoot in the  
 bow, and play at tenice with me. If there were no  
 other witness of his beneficence to the poor, I will Charitable  
 testify this to all, that before he was advanced to any  
 ecclesiastical preferment, he carried me along in com-  
 pany with him to the next hospital, and when I had  
 nothing to give to the poor, besides what he himself,  
 according to his estate, liberally gave, he often sup-  
 plied me, that I might give too. While he was him-  
 self in prison, what aid he sent out of England to us  
 in our exile in Germany, that learned man, his faith-  
 ful Achates, Dr. Edmund Grindal, now Bishop of  
 London, can testify; and many others, who were  
 assisted by his liberality. When, therefore, he was  
 such a man, so learned, so chaste, and in all respects  
 so holy, what unmerciful, fierce, and cruel kings and  
 bishops had England then, who by their joint coun-  
 sels conspired his death, and delivered him to the  
 executioners to be burnt alive, for no other crime,  
 than that he asserted, *that Christ, being true man,*  
*had a fixed, and not uncertain seat in heaven*; and  
 attributed to him the supreme government on earth  
 against the Roman antichrist. Mighty impieties in-  
 deed! for which so illustrious a prophet of Christ,

1355. and bishop, should be so heavily punished. O ! you, who joined in conspiring his death, while ye are yet alive, repent and confess, and acknowledge your tyranny before all, and with many prayers earnestly beg pardon of Almighty God ; lest for this your horrible wickedness, the whole kingdom be severely plagued." Thus Dr. Turner.

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Latimer's  
and Rid-  
ley's using  
gunpowder  
censured.

Disproof,  
fol. 19.

Confuta-  
tion,  
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Dorman, an Oxford man (who wrote certain books for popery, learnedly answered by Dean Noel), was present at the burning of these two reverend fathers ; and took notice, how they had gunpowder given them to apply to their bodies, the sooner to be out of their pain ; which he made a great matter of, as not at all agreeable to God's martyrs, by any such acts to shorten their lives : " A kind of practice among Christ's martyrs never, I trow, heard of, the sooner to dispatch themselves, as with my own eyes I saw Ridley and Latymer burned." And in the margin thus writ : " This agreeth not with the martyrdom of Polycarpus." To which Noel made this answer : " That he (Dorman) might justly lament, that he did see that wicked cruelty executed most unworthily upon so worthy men of learning and virtue, and so reverend in age as the one, and in office and calling as they were both. But the more he might lament, that he reported that horrible wickedness and cruelty without lamenting therefore ; yea, rather rejoicing highly therein." He added, " That Ignatius, that holy martyr, said, he would provoke and anger the beasts, that they might the more speedily tear him in pieces, and greedily devour him ; and why may not the heat of fire be provoked, as well as the heat and fury of beasts ? Why may you (as he went on) devise instruments and means of long afflicting and tormenting of innocent and true Christians (as the papists did by slack and lingring fire made of green fuel, as in many places was done), and why may not they accept speedy means offered to them, whereby they might the sooner be rid from such tyrants as you are, and be with Christ ? What opinion soever



you have of that use of gunpowder, you may justly lay the cause thereof unto your own tyranny, and long terrible roasting of some quick; which, being heard of, might cause some others, considering the infirmity of the flesh, and loathing that kind of death so dreadful to man's nature, and fearing your most horrible cruelty, not to refuse such helps of speedy death, to rid them the rather from your tyranny, and bring them unto everlasting refreshing."

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## CHAP. XXX.

Archbishop Cranmer burnt. His character. His subscriptions, revoked.

ARCHBISHOP Cranmer followed Ridley and Latymer not long after, being burnt in the same place: it was greatly desired that he might have lived, that by his excellent pen and learning he might have still more exposed Bishop Gardiner's book, that he wrote in defence of Transubstantiation. "Transubstantiation, that bird of the devil (said a sharp pen in those days), hatched by Pope Nicolas; and sith that time, fostered and nourished by all his children, priests, friers, monks, &c. and in these last days chiefly by Steph. Gardiner, and his black brood—— God put wisdom in the tongues of his ministers and messengers, to utter that vain vanity; and especially gave such strength to the pen of that Reverend Father in God, Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, to cut the knots of devilish sophistry, linked and knit by the devil's Gardiner and his blind buzzards, to hold the verity of God under bondage; that rather, I think, they shall condemn his works (which notwithstanding shall continue and remain to their confusion) than enterprize to answer the same."

Archbishop Cranmer burnt.

Knox's Admonition.

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Enough hath been said elsewhere, to recommend the memory of this archbishop. But not to let him pass here without some character as well as the rest,

The archbishop a great preacher.

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Sir Rich.  
Morison's  
Apomaxis.

I shall, in a few words, relate how he was accounted of in the reign of King Henry VIII. and that from the pen of a person of eminence and publick character, that lived in those times: "He used to preach often, and was a minister of the heavenly doctrine: the subjects of his sermons, for the most part, were, from whence salvation was to be fetched, and on whom the confidence of man ought to lean. He insisted much upon the doctrines of faith and works, and taught what the fruits of faith were, and what place was to be given to works. He instructed men in the duties they owed their neighbours, and that every one was our neighbour, whom we might profit: he declared, what it was fit men should think of themselves, when they had done all; and, lastly, what promises Christ had made, and who they were to whom he would make them good. And these his holy doctrines he strengthened with plenty of quotations out of the holy scriptures, not out of the schoolmen's decrees, or later councils; and he recommended them with great integrity of life. Thus he brought in the true preaching of the gospel, altogether different from the ordinary way of preaching in those days: which was, to treat concerning the saints, and to tell legendary tales of them, and to report miracles wrought for the confirmation of transubstantiation, and other popish corruptions. And, that such a heat and conviction accompanied the archbishop's sermons, that the people departed from them, with minds possest with a great hatred of vice, and burning with a desire of virtue. And as for the endowments of his mind, such was his singular modesty, rare prudence, exemplary piety and innocence, that it even eclipsed that extraordinary learning, that all acknowledged to be in him." Insomuch that my author, at last, breaks out into this expression: "That he could not but most heartily bless God, and congratulate his native country, that piety so strove in this most reverend man with learning, that one might say more truly, that both, rather than either, had the victory."

His excellent  
endowments.

Or if you will rather hear what a very learned foreigner, viz. Alexander Ales, a Scotchman, but professor at Leipsich, spake of this archbishop, one who was well acquainted with him in the days of King Henry. He thus described him in a letter to a friend : “ That he could not but love him, and that the admiration of his excellent learning, and most accurate judgment, did wonderfully encrease that love in him ; as also his constant indefatigable study in searching for and finding out the truth of difficult questions in divinity, from the most antient and approved writers ; his munificence and liberality in enquiring after and cherishing learned men of all nations ; his benignity, affability, goodness in treating, favouring, and defending, as all good and pious men, so especially strangers, together with the rest of his worthy and heroick virtues. A catalogue of which, as it would require a long work to draw up, so there would be no need of it, since they were so well known, not only all England over, but to Britany in Scotland, also France, Germany, and other realms : but one thing, in short, he would add, that in his whole life, and through all his long travels, in which he had acquainted himself with the places and customs of the world, he never saw a more learned bishop, more grave, more prudent, more pious, courteous, affable, nor more beneficent. And this he was wont to speak of to all wheresoever he had any familiar converse.”

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Alex. Ales,  
his character of him.

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Other historians speak of this archbishop's recantation, which he made upon the incessant solicitations and temptations of the popish zealots at Oxford : which unworthy compliance he was at last prevailed with to submit to, partly by the flattery and terror suggested to him, and partly by the hardship of his own strait imprisonment in Bocardo. Our writers mention only one recantation, and that Fox hath set down, wherein they follow him. But this is but an imperfect relation of this good man's frailty ; I shall therefore endeavour here to set down this piece of his history more distinctly. There were several recant-

He subscribeth six divers recantations.



1555. ing writings, to which Cranmer subscribed one after another: for, after the unhappy bishop, by over-persuasion, wrote one paper with his subscription set to it, which he thought to pen so favourably and dexterously for himself, that he might evade both the danger from the state, and the danger of his conscience too: that would not serve, but another was required as explanatory of that; and when he had complied with that, yet either because writ too briefly, or too ambiguously, neither would that serve, but drew on a third, yet fuller and more expressive than the former. Nor could he escape so, but still a fourth and a fifth paper of recantation was demanded of him, to be more large and more particular: nay, and lastly, a sixth, which was very prolix, containing an acknowledgment of all the forsaken and detested errors and superstitions of Rome, an abhorrence of his own books, and a vilifying of himself, as a persecutor, a blasphemer, a mischief-maker, nay, and as the wickedest wretch that lived. And this was not all, but after they had thus humbled and mortified the miserable man with recantations and subscriptions, submissions and abjurations, putting words into his mouth which his heart abhorred; by all this drudgery they would not permit him to redeem his unhappy life, but prepared him a renunciatory oration to pronounce publicly in St. Mary's Church, immediately before he was to be led forth to burning.

But re-  
vokes all.

But here he gave his enemies, insatiable in their reproaches of him, a notable disappointment. They verily thought, that when they had brought him thus far, he would still have said as they would have him: but herein their politicks failed them, and by this last stretch of the cord all was undone, that they with so much art and labour had effected before; for the reverend man began indeed his speech according to their appointment and pleasure, but in the process of it, at that very cue, when he was to own the pope and his superstitions, and to revoke his own book and doctrine of the sacrament (which was to be brought

in by this preface, “That one thing above all the rest troubled his conscience beyond all that ever he did in his life”) he, on the contrary, to their great astonishment and vexation, made that preface serve to his revocation and abhorrence of his former extorted subscriptions, and to his free owning and standing to his book wrote against transubstantiation, and the avowing the evangelical doctrines he had before taught. 1555.

But to blind the world, and to stifle this last glorious confession of Cranmer, the papists had the confidence to set forth, in print, his last speech, not indeed as he spake it, but as it was by them drawn up for him to have spoken, in confirmation of their *placits*, and in condemnation of himself. And to expose this good man’s memory the more, and withal to make a vainglorious boast of themselves, no sooner was he dead, but they published in print these writings of the archbishop, bearing this title: “All the Subscriptions and Recantations of Thomas Cranmer, late Archbishop of Canterbury, truly set forth both in Latin and English, agreeable to the Originals, and subscribed with his own Hand. Visum et examinatum per Reverendum Patrem et Dominum, D. Edmundum Episcop. Londinensem.” So that this profligate Bishop Bonner (for so let me call him) to serve an end, prostituted his faith and credit, by testifying a thing so notoriously known to be quite otherwise, I mean in relation to the archbishop’s last speech before mentioned. Published by Bishop Bonner unfaithfully.

And here, because these foresaid subscriptions may not be unworthy to be preserved and taken notice of, I shall exhibit them to the reader.

The copy of the first subscription was this: “For as much as the king’s and queen’s majesties, by consent of their parliament, have received the pope’s authority within this realm, I am content to submit myself to their laws herein, and to take the pope for chief head of this Church of England, so far as God’s Cranmer’s first subscription.

1555. laws, and the laws and customs of this realm will permit. . . . THOMAS CRANMER."

By which proviso he hoped to save his conscience, as to his opinion of the pope's jurisdiction in this realm. The original of this was presently posted up to the queen and her council. But even this that he had done, the good man could not digest, but soon after did cancel, as the print itself acknowledged, assigning the reason thereof to be his unconstancy and unstableness.

His second  
subscription.

The second subscription, how soon following after the former I cannot tell, was short, but more full and without reserve, viz. "I, Thomas Cranmer, doctor in divinity, do submit myself to the catholic church of Christ, and unto the pope, supreme head of the same church, and to the king's and queen's majesties, and unto all their laws and ordinances.

THOMAS CRANMER."

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This, the print saith, he did not revoke; and the original was sent up to the queen and her council. But something more was thought fit to be subscribed to, because his exhortation and influence would go a great way with others, and his book gave such offence; therefore Cranmer's third writing was in these words :

His third.

"I am content to submit myself to the king's and queen's majesties, and to all their laws and ordinances, as well concerning the pope's supremacy, as others. And I shall from time to time move and stir all others to do the like to the uttermost of my power; and to live in quietness and obedience unto their majesties, most humbly without murmur, or grudging against any of their godly proceedings. And for my book which I have written, I am content to submit me to the judgment of the catholic church, and of the next general council.

THOMAS CRANMER."



This was signed by him in the prison of Bocardo, and exhibited to the Bishop of London; which must be at the time that bishop was at Oxford; who on St. Valentine's Day, *i. e.* February 14, by a commission from the pope, with certain others, degraded the archbishop. So I judge, this subscription was made soon after the degradation, and before the Bishop of London's departure from Oxford. 1555.

A fourth recantatory writing of the same Cranmer, and by him exhibited also in Bocardo, to the said Bishop of London (who, as it seems, thinking the former not full enough, drew up this following himself, and required Cranmer's subscription), ran in this tenor:

“ Be it known by these presents, that I, Thomas Cranmer, doctor of divinity, and late Archbishop of Canterbury, do firmly, stedfastly, and assuredly believe in all articles and points of the Christian religion and catholic faith, as the catholic church doth believe, and hath ever believed from the beginning. Moreover, as concerning the sacraments of the church, I believe unfeignedly in all points as the said catholic church doth, and hath believed from the beginning of Christen religion. In witness whereof I have humbly subscribed my hand unto these presents, the xvth day of February, MDLV. His fourth.

THOMAS CRANMER.”

Nor would all this serve, but a fifth paper was propounded to him to subscribe, which was a great deal more large and particular; and this was drawn up in Latin, and subscribed by Cranmer, in the presence of Henry Syddal (who, notwithstanding his zeal now, was a subscriber to Queen Elizabeth's supremacy in the beginning of her reign), and one called Frater Johannes de Villa Carcina, that went then for a notable learned man. It began thus: “ Ego Thomas Cranmer, anathematizo omnem Lutheri et Zuinglii hæresin,” &c. This is extant in English, in Fox's Acts and Monuments, and this only; and Pag. 1710.

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therefore thither I betake the reader, that is minded to peruse it.

There was yet a sixth, longer than all the rest: and by the tedious prolixity and style of it, seems, to me, to be drawn up by Cardinal Pole, as he drew up such another for Sir John Cheke. This is said to be written and subscribed by Cranmer's own hand. It was in Latin, and began thus:

His sixth.

EGO Thomas Cranmer pridem Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis, &c. that is, "I Thomas Cranmer, late Archbishop of Canterbury, confess and grieve from my heart, that I have most grievously sinned against heaven, and the English realm; yea, against the universal church of Christ; which I have more cruelly persecuted than Paul did of old; who have been a blasphemer, a persecutor, and contumelious. And I wish that I, who have exceeded Saul in malice and wickedness, might with Paul make amends for the honour which I have detracted from Christ, and the benefit of which I have deprived the church. But yet that thief in the gospel comforts my mind. For then at last he repented from his heart, then it irked him of his theft, when he might steal no more. And I, who abusing my office and authority, purloined Christ of his honour, and the realm of faith and religion; now by the great mercy of God returned to myself, acknowledge myself the greatest of all sinners, and to every one as well as I can, to God first, then to the church and its supreme head, and to the king and queen, and lastly to the realm of England to render worthy satisfaction. But as that happy thief, when he was not able to pay the mony and wealth which he had taken away, when neither his feet nor his hands, fastened to the cross, could do their office; by heart only and tongue, which were not bound, he testified what the rest of his members would do, if they enjoyed the same liberty that his tongue did: by that he confessed Christ to be innocent; by that he reproved the impudence of his fel-

low ; by that he detested his former life, and obtained the pardon of his sins ; and, as it were by a kind of key, opened the gates of paradise : by the example of this man, I do conceive no small hopes of Christ's mercy, that he will pardon my sins. I want hands and feet by which I might build up again that which I have destroyed, for the lips of my mouth are only left me. But he will receive the calves of our lips, who is merciful beyond all belief. By this hope conceived, therefore, I chuse to offer this calf, to sacrifice this very small part of my body and life.

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“ I confess, in the first place, my unthankfulness against the great God : I acknowledge myself unworthy of all favour and pity, but most worthy, not only of humane and temporal, but divine and eternal punishment. That I exceedingly offended against King Henry VIII. and especially against Queen Katharine his wife, when I was the cause and author of the divorce. Which fault indeed was the seminary of all the evils and calamities of this realm. Hence so many slaughters of good men ; hence the schism of the whole kingdom ; hence heresies ; hence the destruction of so many souls and bodies sprang, that I can scarce comprehend with reason. But when these are so great beginnings of grief, I acknowledge I opened a great window to all heresies ; whereof myself acted the chief doctor and leader. But first of all, that most vehemently torments my mind, that I affected the holy sacrament of the eucharist with so many blasphemies and reproaches : denying Christ's body and blood to be truly and really contained under the species of bread and wine. By setting forth also books, I did impugn the truth with all my might. In this respect, indeed, not only worse than Saul and the thief, but the most wicked of all which the earth ever bore. *Lord ! I have sinned against Heaven and before thee.* Against Heaven, which I am the cause, it hath been deprived of so many saints ; denying most impudently, that heavenly benefit exhibited to us. And I have sinned

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1555. against the earth, which so long hath miserably wanted this sacrament : against men, whom I have called from this supersubstantial morsel ; the slayer of so many men as have perished for want of food. I have defrauded the souls of the dead of this daily and most celebrious sacrifice.

“ And from all these things it is manifest, how greatly after Christ I have been injurious to his vicar, whom I have deprived of his power by books, set forth. Wherefore I do most earnestly and ardently beseech the pope, that he, for the mercy of Christ, forgive me the things I have committed against him and the apostolical see. And I humbly beseech the most serene kings of England, Spain, &c. PHILIP and MARY, that by their royal mercy they would pardon me ; I ask and beseech the whole realm, yea, the universal church, that they take pity of this wretched soul ; to whom, besides a tongue, nothing is left, whereby to make amends for the injuries and damages I have brought in. But especially because against thee only have I sinned, I beseech thee, most merciful Father, who desirest and commandest all to come to thee, however wicked, vouchsafe to look upon me neerly, and under thy hand, as thou lookedst upon Magdalen and Peter ; or certainly, as thou, looking upon the thief on the cross, didst vouchsafe by the promise of thy grace and glory, to comfort a fearful and trembling mind ; so, by thy wonted and natural pity, turn the eyes of thy mercy to me, and vouchsafe me worthy to have that word of thine spoken to me, *I am thy salvation* ; and in the day of death, *To day shalt thou be with me in paradise*.

*Per me Thomam Cranmer.*

“ Written this year of our Lord,  
1555, in the 18th day of the  
month of March.”

His last  
speech at  
St. Mary's.

As all these acknowledgments were made by his pen and hand, so the poor mortified bishop was to all the rest required to make a solemn verbal protesta-

tion openly, before a great auditory in St. Mary's. 1555.  
 This consisted, 1. Of an exhortation to those that  
 were present to pray with him, and for him. 2. Of  
 his prayer. 3. His last advices to the people. The p. 237.  
 fourth part of his speech was to declare the queen's  
 just title to the crown. Wherein, it is probable, he  
 was enjoined to give the history of her mother's di-  
 vorce favourably on her part, and to draw all the  
 pretended blame of it upon himself, and to disclaim  
 all that he had done in that affair. And then, fifthly  
 and lastly, he was to confess his faith, and to revoke  
 his former books and writings, and to profess his  
 owning of the papal gross doctrine of transubstantia-  
 tion. And all this he had in a paper written with his  
 own hand ; which his enemies, no doubt, had directed  
 him in the penning, and perused, after it was penned.  
 The three first parts of his speech he read without  
 any variation from what was in his paper ; but in the  
 two last he varied ; wholly omitting the fourth part,  
 and saying nothing to that. For Mr. Fox, who in the  
 relation of this last end of Cranmer, is very punctual,  
 and is wholly silent of it. And when he came to the  
 last part of his task, he boldly owned his books,  
 avowing the truths in them contained, and disclaimed  
 that Roman doctrine. And this being so remarkable  
 a piece of Cranmer's history, the better to represent  
 it, I shall shew in two columns, what he was to have  
 spoken, and what the papists gave out (in a print  
 falsely) he did speak, and what he spake indeed, as  
 was, by hundreds of witnesses present, notoriously  
 known.

*What Cranmer spake, ac-  
 cording to Bishop Bon-  
 ner's paper.*

*First*, I BELIEVE in God  
 the Father, &c. And I  
 believe every article of  
 the catholic faith ; every  
 clause, word and sentence

*What he spake indeed.*

*First*, I BELIEVE in God  
 the Father, &c. And I  
 believe every article of  
 the catholic faith ; every  
 clause, word and sentence

1555. taught by our Saviour Christ, his apostles and prophets, in the New and Old Testament, and all articles explicate and set forth in the great councils.

And now I come to the great thing that so much troubleth my conscience, more than any other thing that ever I did; and that is, the setting abroad untrue books and writings, contrary to the truth of God's word; which now I renounce and condemn, and refuse them utterly as erroneous, and for none of mine. But you must know also what books they were, that you may beware of them, or else my conscience is not discharged; for they be the books which I wrote against the sacrament of the altar sith the death of  
 p. 238. King Henry VIII. But whatsoever I wrote then, now is time and place to say truth; wherefore, renouncing all those books, and whatsoever in them is contained, I say and believe, that our Saviour Christ Jesu is really and substantially contained in the blessed sacrament of

taught by our Saviour Christ, his apostles and prophets, in the New and Old Testament.

And now I come to the great thing that so much troubleth my conscience, more than any other thing that ever I did or said in my whole life; and that is, the setting abroad of writings contrary to the truth; which now here I renounce and refuse, as things written with my hand contrary to the truth which I thought in my heart; and written for fear of death, and to save my life, if it might be. And that is, all such bills and papers which I have written or signed with my hand since my degradation; wherein I have written many things untrue. And for as much as my hand offended contrary to my heart, my hand shall first be punished therefore. For may I come to the fire, it shall be first burnt. And as for the pope, I refuse him as Christ's enemy, and antichrist, with all



the altar, under the forms  
of bread and wine.

*And this grievous LYE  
is said to be printed at  
London, by John Cawod,  
the queen's printer. Cum  
privilegio, ann. MDLVI.*

his false doctrine. And,  
as for the sacrament, I  
believe as I have taught  
in my book against the  
Bishop of Winchester.  
The which my book  
teacheth so true a doc-  
trine of the sacrament,  
that it shall stand at the  
last day before the judg-  
ment of God, where the  
papistical doctrine, con-  
trary thereto, shall be  
ashamed to shew her  
face.

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*And more he would  
have spoken of the sacra-  
ment, and of the papacy,  
but that they bad, Stop  
his mouth, and pull him  
down.*

## CHAP. XXXI.

The persecution of these times. The exiles: where. Protes-  
tants' prayers and letters. Free-willers. The nation involved  
in perjury. Neuters.

THE protestants were now dealt withal as the  
worst sort of malefactors; and things were carried in  
that severity, as though it were resolved utterly to  
extinguish the religion for ever in England: for, be-  
sides the exquisite pain of burning to death, which  
some hundreds underwent, "some of the professors  
were thrown into dungeons, ugly holes, dark,  
loathsome, and stinking corners: other some lying in  
fetters and chains, and loaded with so many irons,  
that they could scarcely stir. Some tyed in the

Torments  
exercised  
upon pro-  
testants.

1535. stocks with their heels upwards; some having their legs in the stocks, and their necks chained to the wall with gorgets of iron. Some with both hands and legs in the stocks at once. Sometimes both hands in, and both legs out; sometimes the right hand with the left leg, or the left hand with the right leg, fastned in the stocks with manacles and fetters, having neither stool nor stone to sit on, to ease their woful bodies. Some standing in Skevington's gives, which were most painful engines of iron, with their bodies doubled: some whipped and scourged, beaten with rods and buffeted with fists: some having their hands burned with a candle to try their patience, or force them to relent: some hunger-pined, and some miserably famished and starved. All these torments and many more, even such as cruel Phalaris could not devise worse, were practised by papists, the stout, sturdy soldiers of Satan, thus delighting in variety of tyranny and torments upon the saints of God, as is full well, and too well known; and as many can testify, who are yet alive, and have felt some smart thereof:" as one writ who lived in the midst of those times, and escaped narrowly with his life, to see the beginning of a happier government. *Who tells us also*, That they were so straitly used in prison, that their keepers would not allow them paper, nor ink, nor book, nor light. So that the letters they writ they writ in stealth. They oftentimes began letters, but ended them not, for lack of ease, being so fettered with chains, or wanting light, or through the hasty coming in of the keepers. Sometimes, for lack of pens, they were fain to write with the lead of the window, as for lack of ink, they used their own blood: as divers letters so writ remained then to be seen.

And dismal were the flames that blazed out every where, fed with the fuel of the bodies of poor men and women, under a popish legate, and two bloody bishops. As though there were now but one element in England, and that of fire; as a poet about these times set it forth:

Coverdal.  
Ep. before  
the Mart.  
Letters.

Gabriel  
Harveii  
Musar.  
Laery mæ.

In pretio Polus est, dominatur callida vulpes,  
 Mulciber imperio potitur: (mulciber alter,  
 Ignivomus Bonerus erat) cuncta occupat ignis,  
 Solum elementum ignis, sceptrum gestante MARIA.

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Endeavours were especially used to disperse and take off the preachers and ministers. Of these, in the county of Kent, where religion had taken good footing, were Thomas Woodgate, William Maynard, and one Harwich, who went about in that county, and in secret meetings of the gospellers preached unto them; confirming them in the doctrines they had received, and exhorting them to stand fast in those critical times. In the beginning of April, this year, letters were sent from above to the high sheriff, to seize these men, and to send them up; and Thomas Rosse, who had been taken on New Year's Day, in the meeting at London, where he preached and administered the sacrament to those that assembled there, having laid in the Tower till May, after divers appearances before the lord chancellor and others, the council, May 12, ordered him to be delivered to the sheriff of Norfolk, to be conveyed to the Bishop of Norwich, of whose diocese he was, and he to reduce him to recant, or else to proceed against him according to the law.

Preachers  
 especially  
 persecuted

The queen's council now became strictly popish, and shewed themselves very active for the taking away the lives of all that professed the gospel, the queen shewing herself zealous this way; and thinking, according to Gardiner's suggestion, that these terrible proceedings would soon bring all to her mind. The council therefore sent away orders abroad for this purpose, as hath been partly seen already, and will further appear by what follows. The court being now at Hampton Court, and the lord treasurer at London, in the month of May, the council sent to him to make a dispatch of all that were already condemned for religion, and to confer with the Bishop of London, and the justices of peace of the respective counties, where they were to be executed; and

Fierce orders from  
 the council

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1555. to give order for the executions accordingly. And upon the motion of the said lord treasurer, in the same month, letters were sent to all the bishops from the council; the contents whereof seem to have been to stir them up to be very vigorous in searching for the gospellers, and bringing them to recantation, or execution. And whereas there was one Derick, a brewer, and two more, condemned for heresy, that lived in Surrey and Sussex, the council sent in the month of June to the said lord treasurer, to cause writs to be made to the sheriff of Sussex, for the burning of Derick at Lewes, and the two others, one at Chichester, and the other at Stainings. And a report, about this time coming to the council, of four parishes in Essex that still used the English service, they writ to Bishop Bonner to examine the matter, and to punish the offenders. And, in July, Bonner having condemned three more, according to his letters sent to the council, the council presently ordered their burning, appointing the places to be Uxbridge, Stratford, and Walden; willing him, moreover, to proceed in judgment with the rest. Thus eager was the council in these direful proceedings.

Their letters sent to the bishops, to search for the gospellers.

Many fly into foreign countries.

Therefore the best prevention of these deaths and calamities was flight; which courses many took, commending themselves to the mercies of the seas, and the compassion of strange nations, rather than to their own prince and country; and so preserved their lives to do God and the realm service afterward. This the persecutors were much offended with; but seeing the professors were fled out of their bloody hands, they thought to be even with them, by endeavouring to hinder all supplies of money and provisions to be sent them; saying, "That they would make them so hungry, that they should eat their fingers ends." These words, Gardiner, in great passion, had uttered in Calais, being there ambassador with Cardinal Pole and others: but notwithstanding, God so provided for them, that they enjoyed plenty of all things in the places where they came.

And so one, who was an exile himself, wrote soon after his return home: "Although persecution was great among us, yet God shewed himself more glorious, mighty and merciful, in strengthening so many weak ones to die for him, than in providing for them which were abroad; although both be wonderful. What glorious cracks made the persecutors, that they would make God's poor banished people to *eat their fingers for hunger!* But they had plenty for all the others cruelty. God's holy name be praised therefore. What a mercy of God is this! that where we deserved to be cast from him for ever, because of our wickedness, he now corrected us gently, and called us into this honour: that he punished us not so much for our own sins, as that he called us to the promotion of bearing his cross; witnessing to the word of his truth, and vouchsafe to prove, teach and confirm others in this truth, by our witness-bearing." Thus humbly and thankfully did these pious men take their sufferings, and looked not so much upon the malice of men, as the correcting hand of God in them, and that with all thankfulness.

Of the flight of the gospellers I have said somewhat in another work, and shall say a little more here. Their pastors advised them to fly, especially such as misdoubted their own strength, that hereafter, when the times grew better in England, there might be a seminary of pious ministers, scholars, and other good men and women, to furnish the nation again, after the destruction of so many. So that there were great numbers of them dispersed abroad in France, Flanders, Germany, Italy, Helvetia, and other places, both students of divinity, and other laymen; and some with their wives and families, and many gentlemen of good quality; where, among the rest, Sir Francis Walsingham was one, the great secretary of state afterwards, being then a young man, and a scholar; which appears by the inscription that was upon his monument in St. Paul's Church; a part

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Pilkington in his  
Exposit.  
upon Agg.

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The exiles.  
Cranmer's  
Memor.

Sir Francis  
Walsingham.

1555. whereof was, “*Juvenis exilium, Maria regnante, subiit voluntarium, religionis ergo.*”

Thomas  
Lever tra-  
vels from  
place to  
place.

Some took this opportunity to travel about from place to place, and see towns and cities, especially those that were reformed, for their better inquiry into the doctrines of their learned men. One of these was Thomas Lever, late Master of St. John's College, in Cambridge, a grave and good man; who gave some account of his travels, in a letter to Mr. Bradford, then a prisoner in England, viz. “I have seen the places, noted the doctrine and discipline, and talked with the learned men of Argentine, Basil, Zuric, Berne, Louvain, and Geneva. And I have had experience in all these places, of sincere doctrine and godly order, and great learning; and especially of such virtuous learning, diligence and charity, in Bullinger at Zuric, and in Calvin at Geneva, as doth much advance God's glory, unto the edifying of Christ's church, with the same religion for the which ye be now in prison.”

Exiles at  
Frankford.

I will make a small stop at those of the English nation, that placed themselves at Frankford; some of the chief of whom were Whitehead and Sandes, Noel and Fox, Bale and Horn, Whittingham and Knox the Scot, Elmer and Bentham, Sampson, Crowley, Tho. Cole and Kelk, of the clergy; Chambers and Isaac, Knolles, father and son, John and Christopher Hales, and others of the gentry; the whole congregation consisting of about sixty-two. It is well known what unhappy contentions fell out there among themselves, concerning the discipline that was to be set up in their church, and the alterations to be made in the English Service-Book. In this hot contest some few of the wiser sort would not mingle themselves; among these was John Fox, the famous matyrologist, who, in a letter to Peter Martyr, told him, “That he behaved himself as a *sceptic* in that business, yet that it was hard to be wholly a neuter. Therefore he added, he could not be alto-



gether an idle looker-on. But for the generality, 1555.  
all the young men, even such as were but boys,  
joyned themselves to the one side or the other. Nay,  
and those that were old men, and divines, that should p. 242.  
have been the promoters of peace and concord, added  
more flame to the fire than the rest. He lamented  
the hatreds, the envies, the defamations, the evil-  
speakings, the suspicions and jealousies that were  
among them; and he could never have believed, Their  
broils.  
‘Tantum amari stomachi latere in his, quos assidua  
‘sacrorum librorum tractatio, ad omnem clementiam  
‘mansuefacere debuerat:’ *i. e.* That so much of anger  
and passion could be in such, whom the daily use  
of the scriptures should have qualified to all gentle-  
ness and goodness. Some, at length, fled away from  
Frankford, but left stings behind them: the heats  
continued all the winter, at length they began to be  
something cooler.” The side which Fox took in these  
indecent sidings, was to take no side, nor join him-  
self to any part; but his main business was to be a  
*peace-maker*, and to persuade both to concord. And,  
particularly, he advised them, that they should come  
to argue friendly, or gently by letters, or conference,  
rather than by ill words. By which means, he sup-  
posed, the fuel being withdrawn, the fire would, at  
last, go out of itself. And, indeed, by the book of  
the Troubles of Frankford, we find that Fox had  
brought them to this, and had prevailed with them  
to take his council, viz. to debate the matter more  
mildly by letter and conference; and some of the  
letters and conferences are there set down: to some  
of which Fox subscribed his name among others.  
But the last means he contrived for the composing  
these differences, was, that if they could not make  
them up by themselves, then to refer the matter to  
the judgment of some chosen men, to stand between  
both in an equal moderation, and to prescribe a li-  
turgy, to which both sides might assent. But to this  
point of his sober advice, as appeared, they consented

Fox's ad-  
vice to  
them.

1555. not, but instead thereof, many of them separated and divided asunder.

Knox re-  
turns to  
Geneva  
from  
Frankford.

Knox, who was minister to this congregation, and invited by them the last year from Geneva, September the 24th, now, May 26, returned in some haste thither again: for he was the chief opposer of the use of the English Liturgy, averring, that it was a superstitious model, borrowed from the papists; and refused to celebrate the communion, according as it was there prescribed to be done. And besides, Knox held and published some dangerous principles about government; which were so disliked by the chief of the English divines there, as Cox, Bale, Turner of Windsor, Jewel and others, that they thought it fit, and that for their own security, to disown him publicly, not only by discharging him of his ministry, but also by making an open complaint against him to the magistrates of the town. And so Mr. Isaac and Parry brought, in writing, several passages taken out of his Admonition to England, as so many articles against him, declaring his ill-will against Queen Mary, King Philip, and the emperor himself: the congregation hereby disavowing his book and principles. These passages were as follow: "I. If Mary and her counsellors had been dead before these days, then should not her iniquity and cruelty so manifestly have appeared to the world. II. Jezebel never erected half so many gibbets in all Israel, as mischevous Mary hath done in London alone. III. Would any of you have confessed two years ago, that Mary, their mirror, had been false, dissembling, unconstant, proud, and a breaker of promises, except such promises as she had made to her god the pope, to the great shame and dishonour of her noble father. IV. The love of her native country could not move that wicked woman's heart to pity. V. She declared herself an open traitress to the realm of England, contrary to the just laws of the same, to bring in a stranger, and to make a proud stranger king, to the

His prin-  
ciples dis-  
allowed.

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destruction of the nobility, and subversion of the realm. VI. God, for our scourge, suffered her and her council to come to authority. VII. Under an English name she hath a Spaniard's heart. VIII. Much trouble in England for establishing that most unhappy and wicked woman's authority; I mean, of her that now reigneth in God's wrath. IX. Marriage ought not to be contracted with those who do maintain and advance idolatry, such as the emperor, who is no less enemy to Christ than ever was Nero." 1555.

The magistrates, upon this information, sent for Mr. Williams and Mr. Whittingham, willing them to advise Knox to depart; otherwise they should be constrained to deliver him unto the emperor's council, which was then at Ausburge; that, upon this information, sent for him. Knox hereupon makes a sermon in his lodging, to about fifty persons, of the death and resurrection of Christ, and of the unspeakable joys prepared for God's elect, and then departed; and was conveyed, by some, three or four miles out of town.

One thing more concerning these English at Frankford, for their commendation, as the former, viz. their contentions, tended to their dispraise; for they sent an earnest invitation to Martyr, to come and read divinity to them, acquainting him with the consent of the magistrates, and promising him a fair salary. The letter to him was writ by Mr. Elmer, and subscribed by the fraternity, and carried (as it seems) by Whittingham. Fox, in October (which was but a little after) urged it, fearing Martyr's non-compliance; shewing what a means it would prove of uniting and bringing the English nation together into one place, that were at present dispersed and scattered about. In this letter Fox styles him *The Apostle of the English nation*. The former letter of Fox to Martyr, concerning their dissensions, and this, I have transcribed, and laid in the Repository.

The manner of his departure from Frankford.

They at Frankford invited P. Martyr to come and read divinity among them.

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To which letters I have added a third, written by John Bale, late Bishop of Ossory, who was now



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likely removed from Frankford to Basil, with many others, upon the dissensions there; by whose letter it appears, these factions were also got into this church of Basil; the disaffected at Frankford bringing hither with them their dislike to the English liturgy. They thought it not convenient to have the Ten Commandments, the Epistles and Gospels, repeated in the Communion Office, reckoning them ill placed there: and the communion itself they called a *popish communion*, and said, *it had a popish face*. This made them labour to set up a new *office* in this congregation of English exiles at Basil, and wholly to throw out the English book. Many, on the other hand, could not away with this, having a great reverence for the book that had been composed first, and then with all possible care revised and corrected by Archbishop Cranmer, Bishop Ridley, and other divines of the greatest reputation; and was narrowly inspected and approved by those two great learned foreign protestant doctors, Martyr and Bucer; and lastly used with such general approbation throughout England under good King Edward. Of this latter sort was the said Bale, the learned antiquary, and late bishop; who wrote some account of these men and their doings, in a letter to Mr. Ashley, a gentleman of quality, then, as it seems, at Frankford; who had wrote letters to him to know the state of the church there, being himself minded, upon some disgust between him and Horn the pastor, to remove to them. Bale, accordingly, in the year 1556, let him understand in what troubles their church was at that time, by reason of certain men; that to such as required the Common Prayer according to the English order, denied it, pretending the magistrates would not suffer it; which Bale said, was manifestly false: adding, “ That they blasphemed the communion, and mocked at the things in it: that they were guilty of fierce dispisings and cursed speakings; and that with these they triumphed and laboured to erect their church *of the purity*; terming them *New Catha-*

*rites."* But in this letter he shewed his friend, how vastly different the communion, as it was appointed in the book, was from the popish mass, and that in many particulars. But I betake the reader to the letter itself, which may be worth the perusing (allowing Mr. Bale's broad words and angry way of writing) to let some light into the causes of these unhappy animosities among the professors at Basil, as well as at Frankford.

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Many of the English, especially students, settled themselves at another place, namely Tygur or Zuric in Helvetia, for the sake of Bullinger and other learned men there. Here were Jewel, Horn, Lever, Parkhurst, Humphrey, Beaumont, Mullings, and others, men of great note and eminency afterwards in the Church of England. To these exiles, both Peter Martyr, from Strasburgh, and John Calvin, from Geneva, wrote comfortable letters. That of Martyr bore this title: "*Omnibus Anglis, qui Tiguri degunt in sancta societate, dilectis Deo, et mihi in Christo charissimis;*" and was brought by Horn. That from Calvin was thus superscribed: "*Doctis et piis, qui nunc exules ab Angliâ, se ad Christi ministerium comparant in ecclesia Tygurina, fratribus charissimis;*" dated from Geneva, in June, 1554, and brought by Lever. In this letter, "he advised them to constancy, until God stretched forth his hand from heaven, and said, That certainly God would at length look upon his people, of whom there were no small numbers, and restrain the pride of their enemies, who did therefore so much insult, that their fury would not be possible to be born long. And exhorting them to follow their studies, he spake of God's reserving them for his service: for he doubted not, but that the Lord, in his wonderful counsel, would have them thus exercised in the studies of godly learning under a shadow, that a little while after he might bring them forth into the light, and into a serious warfare. Therefore he bad them earnestly ply their studies, as though matters were well com-

The exiles at Zuric.

Letters from Martyr and Calvin to them.

1555. posed, and their country had now wanted their assistance: for although the gate was then shut to Christ's servants, yet he hoped in a short time there would be use of them." And so there was. Both these letters  
 p. 245. are extant in the life of Bishop Jewel, wrote by Dr. Humfrey; whither they may repair that desire to read them.

The exiles  
 at Wezel.

There was another company of English good people got together at Wezel, in Cleves, occasioned chiefly by the coming thither of Mr. Berty, and the Dutchess of Suffolk his wife, both serious professors of religion; which coming of theirs being heard of, many others flocked thither. And Mr. Coverdale, lately escaped out of England, by the King of Denmark's intercession, came from that king, and was some time preacher to this company at Wezel. But this congregation soon brake up, the lady dutchess and her husband going away, and the English depending upon their favour and charity: some followed them, others went to Basil; Coverdale, to Geneva, and others to other places.

Grindall to  
 Ridley  
 concerning  
 the exiles.

Lastly, to all this I will add what one of these exiles, viz. Mr. Grindall, at Frankford, wrote from thence to his patron, Bishop Ridley, then at Oxford, in May, 1555.

Martyrs'  
 Letters.

"Sir, I thought good to advertise you in part of our estate in these parts. We be here dispersed in divers and several places. Certain be at Tigury; good students of either university a number; very well entreated of Master Bullinger, of the other ministers, and of the whole city. Another number of us remain at Argentine, and take the commodity of Master Martyr's lessons, who is a very notable father; Mr. Scory, and certain others that be with him, be in Friseland, and have an English church there (at Emden) but not very frequent. The greatest number is at Frankford, where I was at this present by occasion; a very fair city. The magistrates favourable to our people, with so many other commodities as exiles can well look for. Here is



also a church, and now, God be thanked, well quieted by the prudency of Master Cox, and others, which met here for that purpose. So that now we trust God hath provided, for such as will flee forth of Babylon, a resting place, where they may truly serve him, and hear the voice of their true pastor. I suppose, in one place or other dispersed, there be well nigh an hundred students and ministers on this side the sea. Such a Lord is God to work diversly in his, according to his unalterable wisdom, who knoweth best what is in man." This was Grindall's letter: and thus much of the professors abroad: now let us turn back to those that remained at home.

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The course they took in these sad times was the same which the primitive Christians did, when they were under their persecutions, viz. prayers and tears. They continued to assemble together even in the hottest times. And in these assemblies sometimes they only prayed together. At one of these prayer-meetings in London, a congregation was seized and taken, and clapt into both counters, because, I suppose, one would not hold them. To whom Hoper writ a consolatory letter, wherein he aggravated the papists' sin, "that had imprisoned them for doing the work of God, and one of the most excellent works that is required of Christian men. That they had taken them while they were in prayer, but not in such wicked and superstitious prayers as the papists used, but in the very same prayer that Christ had taught them to pray (as if they had been taken in that very moment wherein they were praying the Lord's Prayer together;) and in his name only ye gave God thanks, *said he*, for that ye have received; and for his sake ye asked such things as ye want. Oh! glad may ye be, that ever ye were born to be apprehended, while ye were so virtuously occupied."

A congregation taken at prayers.

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They prayed much, and earnestly exhorted one another to pray, to incline God to strengthen, succour, and deliver them. And divers set prayers they used for this occasion, composed by pious men for the

Their prayers.

1555. service of Christians in these evil days; read, I suppose, with the Common Prayer, wherein they made intercessions,

*First*, For the poor afflicted church and congregation, that was oppressed, injured, dispersed and persecuted, for the testimony of God's word.

*Secondly*, For such as were imprisoned or condemned for the cause of the gospel, to give them constancy, to shed their blood.

*Thirdly*, For those that were exiled for the testimony of the truth; because they would not bend their backs, and incline their necks under the yoke of antichrist; that God would feed them in strange countries, and prepare a resting-place for them; and that they might unite themselves in the sincere ministration of the word and sacraments; and, in due time, to restore them home again.

*Fourthly*, For such as had outwardly, through fear and weakness, complied with the popish religion, in dissimulation and hypocrisy: to strengthen their weakness, that they might be able to abide the storms of adversity; and that they might, with Peter, rise again by repentance, and become constant confessors of God's truth: and that when God should lay the cross upon them, they might no more seek unto unlawful means to avoid the same; but be contented to take it up, in what sort soever it should be laid upon their shoulders, whether by death, imprisonment, or exile.

*Fifthly*, Against the enemies of God's truth, the papists; that they might not always triumph over them, nor shed the blood of his saints; and to confound their wicked counsels, and to root up the rotten race of the ungodly.

*Sixthly*, To deliver the land from the invasion and subduing of *Misers*, that is, Spaniards, that the nation was then in very great apprehension of, that God would remove this feared vengeance from the nation; and not give over their lands, their cities, towns and castles, their goods, possessions and

riches, their wives, children, and their own lives, 1555.  
into subjection to strangers.

*Seventhly*, To preserve the prince and rulers, magistrates and governors, as would advance God's glory; and so build up again the decayed walls of ruined Jerusalem. Such a prayer as this, very piously and devoutly composed, for the use of these times, by one R. P. I have met with in an old printed book, and present it to the reader in the Repository. There was another framed by Thomas No. XL.  
Spurge, a condemned prisoner in Newgate, which XLI.  
will be found also in the Repository.

Those also that were able, and had parts and learning, did use to excite one another by godly letters, warmly penned; some out of prison to the brethren at liberty; and others writ by those at liberty unto the prisoners. Among the rest I find one writ by a *Free-will-Man*, as they styled them; being an exhortation by one of that persuasion in the country to some friends in London, that they would stand fast, and not comply with the idolatrous worship. In which letter he took occasion, largely, to prove men's abilities to keep the laws of God, and the freedom of their wills. The writer of this letter is unnamed, but I suppose him to be Henry Hart, one of the chief of this sort of men, and afterwards a prisoner himself. The letter may be seen in the Repository. They write letters to one another. p. 217.

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Another letter there was, writ by one in prison, who had lately been one of these free-willers, but now changed in his judgment to certain of that persuasion in prison also for the gospel; lamenting the loss of the gospel, and shewing the reasons of it: whereof one he made to be, that *they had professed the gospel with their tongues, but denied it in their deeds*. Another, that *they were not sound in the doctrine of predestination*. In this letter he mentioned, "What a grief it was to him, that he had endeavoured so much to persuade others into his error of free-will, and how much joy he took in the change



1555. of his judgment ;” and that divers of that congregation of free-will-men began to be better informed, as namely, Ledley and Cole, and others unnamed, the report of whom gave him and his prison-fellows much rejoicing; that he was convinced by certain preachers in prison with him, who reconciled St. Paul and St. James together, to his great satisfaction. This letter also I have laid to the other, that the reader may perceive the arguments on both sides.

No. XLIII.

A writing  
against the  
popish  
priests for  
perjury.

Among the many prayers, letters, and godly discourses, that were in these days penned by the prisoners, the martyrs, and other good men, copies whereof were transcribed and dispersed among the professors, there was one that exposed the popish clergy, for saying, *the nation was perjured in renouncing the pope*: the author uncertain, but somebody under restraint, as it seems. This writing shewed, “ How the whole popish clergy, according to their own confession, lay perjured for twenty years; and that they compelled all the people, many against their consciences, to confess the same (as they did in the late parliament before Cardinal Pole, the legate); and also compelled all that in twenty years past had been admitted priests, to perjure themselves in like manner: inasmuch as they were required to swear, never to receive the Bishop of Rome, nor no other power, to be head over the people of England under God, but only the king and his successors.

“ And so were all young men required to do every Law-day, by the keepers of the same, in their respective hundreds. Now, if this oath were unlawful (saith this writer) as the clergy now say, then might all the nobles of the realm, of that opinion, have great cause of displeasure against all the bishops that so led them, and knew otherwise; and so might all magistrates and gentlemen against the company of that mark (*i. e.* the clergy), which was the cause of their perjury. And that perjury they caused all the rest of the subjects and common people to commit; inso-much that all ranks of people had reason to be angry

at the wickedness of the clergy, not only for their own perjury, but for theirs. But to help and heal this, they had authority from the pope, to pardon this national perjury, by the sacrament of penance; and God must needs forgive them all that submitted to it; and without this, they must needs be damned. But the writer wondered that no one priest, during the last twenty years, had enjoined his people penance for their perjury; but suffered them to die in that black curse and excommunication, that they knew was upon the people, as they now say they did. So that he concludes, *this clergy was none of Christ's clergy, but the pope's, who sat in God's seat, even in the consciences of the people.* 1555.

“He proceeded to blame two sorts of people, that in effect made up the whole nation. One, that received the pope's pardon with penance for their perjury; that thought they were perjured, and made amends, and were forgiven: the other, that knew they were not perjured, and yet received pardon, and did penance. This latter sort, in his judgment, were worse than the former; doing contrary to their knowledge and conscience. He concludes with his prayer for a third sort, that knew they were not perjured, but lawfully swore the oath to the king, and were contented rather to die by the pope's sword, than to slander the truth.” This bold and notable paper may be found in the Repository, and had this title: “All No. XLIV. Sorts of People of England have just Cause of Displeasure against the Bishops and Priests of the same.”

Let me add here, for the reader's better information concerning these days, that the kingdom now consisted of three sorts of people, with relation to their religion. The one sort were the papists; a second sort, the open professors of the gospel; and a third, were of the same judgment with those professors, who, though they in their minds disallowed of popery, and esteemed the worship to be idolatrous, yet out of policy, outwardly complied with that religion, and went to mass, keeping their opinions to

Three religions under Q. Mary.

Neuters.

1555. themselves, for their own security. Various were the letters written by some of the learnedest men and martyrs against this neutrality; and when their judgments were demanded concerning the lawfulness thereof, they would by no means allow of it. Of these three sorts, Ralph Allerton, the martyr, spake occasionally to Bishop Bonner, telling him there were three religions in England; who asking him which they were, Ralph answered, "That which he, the bishop, held; the second, that which was clean contrary to the same; the third person he called a neuter, being indifferent; that is to say, one who observed all things that were commanded outwardly, as though he were of that part (said he), his heart being wholly set against the same." Considering which, there were even in those days but a third part of the nation Roman Catholics.

Fox's Acts,  
p. 1827.

A case  
about tem-  
porizing.

p. 249.

Concerning this temporizing, there happened a case of conscience to be started near about this time. A certain person, out of his care and love of his wife, advised her in these days to do as she might, when she could not do what she would: for that now she should keep her religion as well as she could, and God would accept her will, and impute the fault of her going to mass, and compliance with idolatrous worship, to others, viz. to those that imposed it.— Upon this counsel of the husband, a doubt arose in the woman's conscience to be resolved, wherein she seemed to betake herself to Augustine Bernher, minister of the congregation in London; and he thought fit to crave the resolution of Ridley then in prison, who gave this answer:

"*Brother A.*

Ridley's  
letter  
thereupon.

"Where ye desire so earnestly to know my mind in that piece of the husband's letter unto his wife, wherein he permitting her to do as she may, when she cannot what she would; giving this reason, that she must keep her religion as she may in this realm, and God shall accept her will, and shall impute the



fault to others, &c. What blame is in her, if she use the religion here, as she may, though it be not as she would. This seemeth to me to be a perillous saying, wherein, I fear me, the man tendreth his wife too much. I wish rather he had counselled her to depart the realm; for peradventure she tarrying to have bidden her openly and boldly, when she should have been commanded to follow ungodliness; to have bidden her, I say, there, and then to have confessed the truth, and to have stood in it, he thought, and peradventure knew, it was more than she was like to do. But, I suppose, if she had considered more deeply her husband's mind in writing, that his counsel savoured more of a too tender zeal towards her, than of the contempt of all worldly and carnal affection, which ought to be in Christ's cause, and upon the same had required license to have departed the realm; yea, and then had departed indeed, rather than after certain knowledge had of their ungodly ways, to seem to allow the same by her in this case upon fact; and so not to have followed her husband's former counsel; I think she should less have offended her such a husband, than she doth now, in that she hath made his privy and secret letter not so warily written (methinks) as I would have wished it had been (if it were her deed), to have come to the knowledge of those, that will use it, and construe it to the worst, to the defence and maintenance of ungodly ways.

N. R."

Of this practice of some gossellers in going to mass, Thomas Sampson, now an exile in Strasburgh, took notice, in his letter he wrote to the inhabitants of Alhallows, Bread-street, where himself had formerly been pastor, admonishing them to this tenor: "That if they thought they could embrace both popery and the gospel, they did deceive themselves: for they could not both hold the taste of Christ's death in their consciences, and also allow that mass which was the defacer of Christ's death; they could

Tho. Sampson to such.

1555. not embrace the right use of the Lord's Supper, and also use and partake the horrible profanation of the same; they could not by faith apprehend free justification, and yet seek by their own righteousness and merits to be saved."

p. 250.

## CHAP. XXXII.

Prohibition of heretical books. The Spanish match. Revenues of the church and hospitals spoiled.

A proclamation against certain books.

Acts and Monuments, p. 1450.

**A**BOUT this time came forth a strict proclamation against printing, bringing over, or vending heretical books. And whosoever had any such, were to deliver them up to the ordinary of the diocese, or his chancellor or commissary, upon pain of the statute made in the reign of Henry IV. for suppressing heresy. This proclamation may be read in Fox. And under this character of heresy were comprized all books and writings of Luther, Oecolampadius, Zuiniglius, Calvin, Pomeran, John à Lasco, Bullinger, Bucer, Melancthon, Bernardinus Ochine, Erasmus Sarserius, Peter Martyr, Hugh Latimer, Robert Barnes, Justus Jonas, Hoper, Coverdale, Tyndal, Cranmer (late Archbishop of Canterbury), William Turner, Theodore Bazil (otherwise called Thomas Becon), Frith, Roy; and, lastly, Hall's Chronicle went in the rear. Any books of the aforesaid authors, and in any language, whether in Latin, Dutch, English, Italian, or French, came under the lash of this proclamation; for, it seems, heretical books were in all these languages. And to these, in the same proclamation, were added, the Communion Service, and the Administration of the Sacraments used in the reign of King Edward.

Articles of inquiry concerning those books

There were articles also of inquiry set forth to the wardens of every company in London; as, "Whether they had seen or heard of any of these books, which had come from beyond seas? namely,

from Zurick, Strasburgh, Frankford, Wezel, Embden, 1555.  
 Duisburgh (in which places were plantations of English protestants, who, it seems, were diligent to send over gospel-books into the nation, both to confirm and convert), whom they knew, or suspected, to be carriers of letters or mony from hence to those places." This was proclaimed in London, June 14.

A great occasion of this proclamation and inquisition was, that there came over into England a book, intitled, "A Warning for England; giving Warning to the English of the Spaniards, and discovering certain close Practices for the Recovery of Abby-Lands." The occasion hereof.

Indeed, the English could not away, in this age, with the proud Spaniard: and here I shall insert the warning that John Bradford (not the martyr, but another, once a servant to Sir William Skipworth) gave of them to certain lords in a letter from Flanders, having lived a servant with one of the King of Spain's privy counsellors two or three years; and, during that time, much conversed with them, and saw and heard their words and designs against this nation; intending, by this marriage with the queen, the destruction not only of the estate of the realm, but of the queen herself; letters whereof, written by noble Spaniards, he had read, and the copies whereof he took, and had ready to shew for his discharge. A large account of the nature of the Spaniards, and their purposes against England, Bradford drew up, by way of letter to the Earls of Arundel, Shrewsbury, Derby, and Pembroke, privy counsellors, designing it for the publick, with a dedication to the queen herself; but whether ever printed, I cannot tell. Herein he speaks of their tempers: "That in dissimulations, until they had their purposes, and afterwards in oppression and tyranny, they exceeded all other nations upon earth. Besides, an heap of ambitious, fleshly lusts, as pride and disdain, and all manner of lechery. That as for the English themselves, he had heard with his ears, and seen with his eyes in their writings, how they

The Spanish design by the match.

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Signified in a letter to some noblemen.



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designed the spoiling them of their lives, lands, wives, and children, and the ruin of the whole realm, and suppression of the commonwealth, and the bondage of the country for ever. And he took God to witness, he wrote nothing for malice of the Spaniards, or flattery of the English. That he came by this intelligence, having been chamberlain to one of the privy council of that nation, and, by great diligence, had learned to read and write Spanish; but he kept it secret from his master, who trusted him the rather in his closet, supposing he could not understand his papers; and there he read such writings as were daily brought into the council-chamber. He mentioned, how he heard the Spaniards talk, that if they obtained not the crown of England, they might curse the time that ever the king was married to a wife so unmeet for him by unnatural course of years." This and much more may be read in the Manuscript, which

No. XLV. I have preserved in the Catalogue; a most notable piece, discovering the wicked intrigues of Spain, had not God prevented them.

Revenues  
of the  
church  
spoiled.

Though the revenues of the church were miserably spoiled in the days of King Edward, by the nobility and gentry, that got them into their own hands, upon pretence of maintaining their houses and state, yet even in this reign did this grievance continue. He that is minded to know this more particularly, may read the paragraphs that follow, which I have taken

Dr. Turner's Spirit.  
Physic.

out of a treatise printed in this queen's reign; where, speaking of the spiritual dropsy, one of the diseases which the author makes the nobility and gentry to be sick of, he writ thus: "That they swole so big with their disease, that they could not be content with their fathers' houses, which were as great men as these be; for their fathers' houses will not hold them, but they build wider houses, and more than their fathers did, for one or two will not hold them. And some swell so great, that all the houses of their fathers, and they have builded, will not hold them; but they must also have bishops' houses, and deans'

houses, parsons' houses, and vicars' houses, and poor 1555.  
beggars' houses, called hospitals. And yet they swell  
so great, that all these will not hold them, except  
they amend their manners, until they come to hell;  
there is place great enough." And a little after:  
" The other kind of common tokens, that the water-  
sick have, is an exceeding great thirst, and so great,  
that the more they drink, the more they desire to  
drink; and no drink is able to quench their thirst.  
Such a thirst have some of the nobility now, and  
such a one have some had of late. Some, having  
lands of their own to live on, have peltingly gone  
about from court to court, buying farms and bar-  
gains, and overbidding all men: so that poor men  
can get no reasonable prize of any term or bargain  
for them. Some are so thirsty of farmes, and namely, p. 252.  
of benefices, that they snatch up all the reversions  
that can be had in a country, though the farmers  
have yet forty or fifty years to come. There is one  
knight that hath ten benefices in one shire in his  
hands, and another hath two-and-twenty, as credible  
persons have told me. Some are so thirsty for the  
farms of vicaridges or parsonages, that they beg or  
buy the advousons of them of the patrons; and, as  
soon as they fall, they will let none have the benefice,  
but such as will let them the benefice to farm, with  
house and land, and tith, with all that belongeth  
thereto. Others drink up the glebe-land, and let the  
rest alone. Some have, by bribery, simony, and  
other unlawful ways, robbed many a poor parish in  
England of their parsonages and parsons, and have  
drunken up quite the parsonages for them and their  
heirs for ever; wherewith the church of Christ hath  
been wont to be fed both bodily and ghostly.

" Some new gentlemen have drunken up, not only  
a great part of bishops' lands, but also have drunken  
up divers church-yards, and hospitals, chapels and  
chantries, to patch and clout up their livings withal;  
because their fathers left them never a foot of land.  
One of the nobility saw, of late years, a pretty church,

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with a good large church-yard ; the same was lord of the town there ; and he desired the parish, that they would let him have the church and church-yard, promising them a new church, and a new church-yard in another place. The poor tenants durst not say him nay, because he was their lord. In the mean season he lent the parish a foul ill-favour'd hole, an end of an old abby, very strait and narrow, evil covered, and every day like to fall upon the poor people's heads : and as for the other church, the poor people can get none unto this hour. Where is there any good parsonage in England, but it is either bought, or drunken up of some gentleman ? As, with great honesty and praise, the noblemen's servants had wont to come home to their masters' houses with hares, wild cats and foxes upon their backs, so, with much shame, they come now with their tithe-piggs by their tails, with tithe-eggs and tithe-hemp and flax.

“ There was an earl within these few years, that had lands and goods enough, and could not quench his thirst therewith, until he had gotten one of the greatest deanries in England ; and so was made my lord dean also. But he left to his successors the land undiminished ; and therefore did much better than he should have done, if he had taken the deanry quite away in his own hands for ever, for him and his heirs.”

And again, “ Some, when as they have drunken up as much of the commons, of abby lands, of bishops' lands, of deans' lands, of parsons' lands, and beggars' lands, I mean of hospitals, as would serve four as honest and as honourable men as they be ; yet, for to spare their own drink at home, are not ashamed to beg drink of such poor men as I am, when as I had seventy-four pounds to spend in the year, my first-fruits yet unpaid ; and yet they never gave me a cup of ale undeservedly all their lives. I have yet copies of their begging letters here in Germany, to be witness of their shameful begging : I would there were some act of parliament made against such *valiant*

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*beggars*, which vex poor men as I was, much worse than the louzy beggars do." 1555.

These were the evils the church suffered from the temporalty, both nobility and gentry, in King Edward's, and now in Queen Mary's days. I have been the larger in this transcription, that the history of this sacrilege might the more fully appear. Nor did this great evil cease in the next reign. The clergy did sadly complain of it in the beginning of Queen Elizabeth. Thus spake honest Augustine Bernher: "I will not speak now of them, that being not content with their lands and rents, do catch in their hands spiritual livings, as parsonages, and such like, and that under the pretence to make provision for their houses. What hurt and damage this realm of England doth sustain by that devilish kind of provision for gentlemen's houses, knights and lords' houses, they can tell best that do travel in the countries; and see with their eyes great parishes and market-towns, with innumerable others, to be utterly destitute of God's word; and that because that these greedy men have spoiled the livings, and gotten them into their hands. And instead of a faithful and painful teacher, they hire a Sir John, which hath better skill in playing at tables, or in keeping of a garden, than in God's word. And he for a trifle doth serve the cure, and so help to bring the people of God in danger of their souls. And all those serve to accomplish the abominable pride of such gentlemen, which consume the goods of the poor (which ought to have been bestowed upon a learned minister) in costly apparel, belly-cheer, or in building of gorgeous houses. But let them be assured, that a day will come, when it will be laid to their charge; *rapina pauperum in domibus vestris*; and then they shall perceive that their fair houses are built in the place called *Aceldama*, they have a bloody foundation, and therefore cannot stand long. This matter also is so weighty, and the spiritual slaughter of the poor people so miserable and woful, that except the magistrates speedily look

This evil  
in Queen  
Elizabeth's  
reign.

Epist. be-  
fore Lat.  
Sermons.

1555. thereunto, and redress the same, the Lord of Sabaoth himself will find out some remedy to deliver his people from such catterpillars, and require the blood of his people at their hands, by whose covetousness they were letted to come to the knowledge of Christ." But I am now out of my way, and therefore return.

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## CHAP. XXXIII.

Bishop Ferrar, Cardmaker, Canon of Wells, and Philpot, Archdeacon of Winchester, burnt for religion.

AS I have made some remarks, a little before, of Bradford and Latimer, Cranmer and Ridley, four prime pillars of the reformed Church of England, which this bloody year executed in the flames, so, passing by many others, I shall take notice of three more this same year so used; namely, a bishop, a canon, and an archdeacon: that is to say, Ferrar, Bishop of St. David's; Cardmarker, Canon and Residentiary of Wells; and Philpot, Archdeacon of Winchester.

Bishop  
Ferrar.

March 30. The abovesaid bishop suffered in the fire at Carmarthen; a pious and good man, but pursued with unjust vexations in the former prince's reign, as well as in this.

Memor.  
Archbp.  
Cranmer.

Something hath been said of this matter elsewhere: to which, in this place, I will take occasion to add some more particulars, in behalf of the memory of a man that had the resolution and courage to die for the true doctrine. When this person came first to oversee the diocese of St. David's, he found many things amiss, even in the chapter (which ought to have been the example to the rest of the diocese and clergy): for there was great spoil made of the plate and ornaments of the church, which was converted into the private possessions of those that belonged unto the church. And of these and other misdemeanors were the chanter Young, and one of the canons residen-

tiary, named Merick, chiefly guilty; and Constantine, his own register, was not clear. These men were also guilty of simony, bribery, and bearing with ill lives for money. So the bishop resolved to begin his visitation with his own church. 1555.

They were also very defective as to many of the king's Injunctions, refusing to obey them; as concerning the founding of a school for poor men's children; a lecture of divinity; sermons on the Sundays; repairing of their church and mansion-houses; decent order and ministration in their public assemblies.

The delinquency of the chapter of St. David's.

But they stubbornly counted themselves, with the chanter, to be a body politick, without regard of the bishop, and his lawful monitions; though he were named in their statutes, *Decanus aut quasi decanus*; having also their dean's seal in the choir, with a prebend thereunto annexed, and the chief place in the chapter-house, with a key of their chapter-seal; being also by the king's commission appointed their ordinary. Yet would they not, in any wise, deliver unto him a book of their statutes, for the better knowledge of his or their duties; nor shew unto him their records and monuments, for declaration of the king's right and his. For which cause, afterwards, by a writ of *quo warranto*, he called them to answer: but the writ, by their interest, lay asleep. For their crimes he had first friendly admonished them, but that not amending them, he put them out of their office, which made them more his enemies; and say, *They would pull him out of his bishoprick*. Fox, Act p. 1407. p. 255.

But let me shew, how they endeavoured to impede his visitation. For to stop the bishop's just proceedings, they began to raise all the dust they could, and to express the greatest malice against him. And because his commission to his chancellor was issued out in his own name, according to the old form, and not in the name of King Edward, they took hold of this for an advantage against him. So they, in the name of the chapter (who yet were willing to receive him) appealed unto the archbishop: and for carrying

They refuse the bishop's visiting them.



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on the suit, spent the goods of the church ; but, notwithstanding their disobedience, he visited the diocese, and was friendly received by them. But as for Young and his fellows, they employed against him many promoters and witnesses, dissolute or mercenary men ; whereof one was Rawlins, a priest, who had four or five livings, but resided upon neither of them : a lewd man, of whom they said themselves, “ We know Rawlins to be a very knave, and so meet for no purpose so much as to set forward such a matter.” Another was Lee, a broken merchant, turned promoter. Of Constantine, this is to be remarked, that he had been his old acquaintance and friend, whom he continued register, having been so made by Barlow, Ferrar’s predecessor ; but one that formerly abjured his religion, and that afterwards, namely, in this queen’s reign, complied with the old religion again, and sat as register when this bishop was condemned to be burnt for heresy. These men raked into the bishop’s life and conversation, his preaching, his behaviour in public, in private ; and at last scraped up together fifty-six articles against him ; which are extant in Fox, with his answers to them. These articles they sent up to the king’s council ; and having a warrant from the council to go down and examine witnesses, which they had procured by money and promises, to the number of no less than an hundred and twenty-seven (many of whom were persons of most scandalous life, and the illest fame) in the mean time so ordered their matters, that the bishop was stayed in London, lest his presence might lay some awe upon the witnesses, and obstruct their proceedings : and yet after all, to some of their articles they had but one witness ; and to some nothing but fame, and to some no witness at all, as appeared by their own paper, intituled, “ A brief note how many witnesses deposed to every article.”

The bishop's interrogatories to the witnesses.

And all this they did, hoping to get him deprived at last, and to run him into a *premunire*. But the bishop, being so well aware of the dishonesty of the

witnesses, and how probable to have been procured to swear falsely for the gain of money, got so much favour, that certain interrogatories might be administered to the witnesses secretly and apart, upon their oaths ; first letting them know the danger of an oath, and the pain of a perjured person ; then to demand of them, whether they were not instructed and informed, what they should say or depose in this case ? And whether they had communed and consulted with any body in that behalf ? And whether any thing had been given or promised unto them for bearing of witness ? And which of the parties the witness would wish to have the victory in this matter, if it lay in his power ? And whether it were more for his profit the bishop should be deprived, or continue bishop ? And whether he came to bear witness willingly, or by compulsion, desired or hired ? And whether there were any displeasure, variance, strife or hatred, between him, or any of his friends or kindred, and the bishop ? And whether he did hope to obtain any profit or commodity, if the party that produced him had the victory ? And whether any of the witnesses were tenants, farmers, servants, kin or of special friendship, with Young, Constantine, or Merick, or either of them, or had any part of his living by them, or any of them ? And whether any of the witnesses were, at that present time, incontinent persons, and noted and suspected of any notorious crime ? Thus was the poor bishop fain to sift these men, and put close questions to them, of whose true speaking he had such just suspicion.

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Fox, in his  
Manu-  
script.

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And as they preferred their articles against him at the council-table, so they indicted him at the quarter-sessions at Carmarthen : and to create him the more disgrace, it was at the same time that he was visiting his diocese ; so that he was fain to adjourn his visitation to appear at the sessions.

The bishop  
indicted at  
the quar-  
ter-sessions

But above and beside all these articles, and malicious courses against him, they thought to make their advantage of an expression, which he had used in a

Accused  
for a pas-  
sage in his  
sermon.

1555. sermon in the month of April, 1551; when out of good-will to the Welsh, and it may be to get their love, that so he might the better instil his doctrine and instructions into them, Rawlins informed, that he had used these words, or to this effect, "That the Englishmen were more churlish and cruel than the Welshmen were; for in England they would rush one at another, without any salutation or manners; but here in Wales (said he) ye are more gentle; and not without cause: for ye were the Britains sometimes, and had the realm in governance: and if the prophecy of Merlyn be true, ye shall be Britains again, and this land shall be called Great Britain." Which indeed, though it were then made a matter of accusation against the bishop, yet in our days we cannot look upon it without a remark, how it fell out what that bishop then preached, or the Welsh prophet foretold. But this Rawlins, employed by Young and Constantine, as promoters, took hold of as a criminal matter against a law, enacted in King Henry VIIIth's time, concerning the country of Wales, of laying aside their old customs, and living according to the laws of England; and that their vain prophecies should be extinguished, and the tellers of them punished. And this was the very information they drew up against the bishop, in language spiteful enough.

*To the right honourable the lords and others of the king's majesty's privy council.*

Information given thereof to the council.  
Fox's MSS.

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"For as much as our late sovereign lord, of famous memory, Henry the Eighth, did, by th' authority of the high court of parliament, establish and enact, that his country of Wales, laying aside their old and ill customs, should from thence after, use and have the laws of England, and to all purposes be as meer Englishmen: and that vayne prophecies should be extincted and abolished, and the tellers and supporters thereof accordingly punished, according to this effect of the statutes and other laws in that case



provided ; thorough whose provydenche many good things have happened to the nation : so that they have lived more wealthily and quietly under fear and obedience, which evermore they do most thankfully embrace, as apperteyneth. Nevertheless, Robert, the Bishop of St. David's, that now is, the sixth day of April last past, or thereabouts, in the town of Carmarthen, in the diocese aforesaid, perceiving himself to be evil beloved in that country, and utterly out of credence with the people there, not only for his unsatiable covetousness, daily vexing the poor tenants and clergy without just cause, but also for that he buyeth lands of open adulterers ; taking the same better-cheap for permitting their sins, leaving their detestable adulteries unpunished, to the slander of God's holy word ; yet, thinking to get the favour of the people again with flattery, spake and said these words following openly in the pulpit, saying, ' That ye Welshmen ' were more gentle than the Englishmen were ; for ' the Welshmen would salute gently the one the ' other ; and the Englishmen be more cruel and more ' sturdy, rushing one at the other without salutation, ' or greeting. But you Welshmen are more gentle ; ' and no marvel, for sometimes ye were Britains, and ' had this realm in governance ; and if the prophecy ' of Merlyn be true, ye shall so have it again.' And by these seditious words and preaching, he did not only stir envy and hatred betwixt the two peoples, being the king's majesty's subjects and inhabitants there, but also provoke idle rhyme-singers and vain prophesiers to rhyme old seditious and pernicious prophesies, blazing of arms, and such like ; to the great disturbance of the commonwealth, and no less imminent danger that thereof may ensue, if remedy be not the sooner provided. In tender consideration whereof, it may please your good lordships to command the said bishop, being now here present, to make answer to the premises, and that such order and direction may be taken therein, as to justice apperteyneth, and as to your good lordships shall seem expedient."

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shop's an-  
swer.

To this the bishop made this plea for himself: "That he preached upon those words of St. Peter, *I beseech you, as out-comings and strangers, to abstain, &c.* And thence did exhort the people to be friendly unto strangers, according to God's precepts unto Moses, given unto the people of Israel. Affirming, that it seemed well, by the diligent observing of that precept in the country of Wales, that these people, as Britains, of whom this realm was first called Britain (and if Merlyn's saying be true, it should be called Britain again.) That they had received that lesson of loving-kindness towards strangers, originally from God's people; and that they were worthy of much commendation, for that they kept the same more diligently than other parts of the realm, even to this day." And more than this he spake not: but for proof of the words, according as Rawlins had represented them, he produced nine

p. 258.

Besides what Fox hath preserved in his Acts and Monuments, in behalf of this bishop, publishing, as the articles against him, so his answers to every one of them, wherein judgment may be made of the malice of his enemies, I refer the reader to the Catalogue for two other papers of the bishop in his own vindication, one intituled, *Adversaries principal against the Bishop of St. David's*; the other, *Exceptions general, in Behalf of Robert Bishop of St. David's*. Wherein will appear the true grounds of Young's, Constantine's, and Merick's, and the rest of his enemies, their anger against him; and that it was procured, because he would not grant some of them their unreasonable desires, and because he re-proved and threatened the vices of others. For this they laboured to bring him into a *premunire*, nay, to take away his life.

He dis-  
playeth  
his adver-  
saries.

No. XLVI,  
XLVII.

By these unkind dealings towards their diocesan, they procured his imprisonment, in which he lay to the death of King Edward; and so was the easier exposed to the rage of the papists, as it happened afterwards. But, before his death, Young and Constantine came to him and begged his forgiveness, which he, like a Christian, gave them; and there was a reconciliation between them.

1555.  
The bishop pardons his enemies before his death.

But the matter looked with such an ill aspect upon religion, that one Prat, a learned and pious preacher, and acquaintance of Mr. Fox, did earnestly dissuade him from publishing it in his then intended edition of his Acts and Monuments; writing thus to him in the year 1560.

Fox advised to leave out of his book this controversy.

“ The Bishop of St. Davyes, Mr. Young, shall be Archbishop of York; who, I promise you, in my judgment, is a virtuous, godly man; and therefore, I pray you, in your augmentation of the History, meddle not with such matters, as past between Bishop Farrar, him and Constantine (who is of late dead) in King Edward’s days; for if you should, the papists might gather an occasion to say, that we persecuted one another. I think you may well either leave it out altogether, or else couch it in such sort, that no man may be slandered. The controversy was for profane matters, and therefore unmeet for your History. We must be circumspect in our doings, that we give papists no occasion to accuse us for persecutors, which we lay so much to their charge. This I am sure, that both Bishop Farrar and Mr. Young, who shall be Bishop of York, and Mr. Constantine, were all reconciled before Mr. Farrar’s death; and they came to him, and asked him forgiveness; and he forgave them, so that they were in brotherly love, and they all professed one religion; for which he died, and they fled; and therefore, I pray you, renew not that malice that is once remitted. Constantine is named in the Latin History, for the which I am very sorry. I pray you let it be mended in the next, and pass it over with silence; either else

Letter to Fox to that intent.  
Epist. Fox.



1555. write it in such sort, as no man be defamed, whereby religion may sustain no hurt, otherwise the papists may have a just occasion to triumph."

p. 259. But notwithstanding all this solicitation, either it came too late, or Fox thought it convenient to follow his own judgment, rather than that of his friend; chiefly, I suppose, for the vindication of the memory of this pious martyr, and to clear him from those aspersions, that otherwise might have been believed concerning him; let the living clear themselves as they could: and therein shewing himself an impartial historian.

Cardmaker  
burnt.

Two months after Bishop Ferrar was burnt, viz. May 30, was John Taylor, alias Cardmaker, so served; canon residentiary of Wells, and a learned man; once an Observant Friar, afterwards reader of divinity in St. Paul's, and vicar of St. Bridget's, in Fleet-street; who was taken into custody with Barlow, bishop of that see, upon Queen Mary's coming to the crown. What promise of compliance he had made to Gardiner, lord chancellor, at first, I cannot tell, but he was almost sure of him. Insomuch as he would speak concerning him to others, that he was converted before him for religion, and would bring forth the names of him and Bishop Barlow, who was prison-fellow with him, and had gone too far; praising them for men of great gravity, wisdom and learning. But Cardmaker was afterwards separated from Barlow into another prison; Barlow indeed, by some submission, got free, and fled into Germany. And soon after Laurence Saunders was committed to the same prison with Cardmaker, and by his company, Cardmaker, it was thought, was mightily confirmed, and gathered great courage to defend the truth. The Bishop of London also thought himself sure of Cardmaker, and openly talked that he should soon be discharged out of prison, when he had subscribed to *transubstantiation*, and some other articles. Cardmaker soon lost his dear companion Saunders, who was carried forth and burnt, and he left alone.

What submission this good man made, we may be informed by the judiciary acts of his process; which was thus, as I extract it thence, Jan. 28, 1554, the day on which Hoper and Rogers appeared before the bishops and others, commissioners, Cardmaker was the third that made his appearance that day. "To him then did the Bishop of Winton repeat the counsel he lately gave him in the presence of some of the privy council, for the reduction of him to the unity of the catholic church, which Cardmaker then refused to do. Now the bishop again asked him, whether he would from his heart, and from an humble spirit, submit himself, and arise from his former spot of heresy; signifying to him, that if he would, he should be freely received. In consequence whereunto, the said John Cardmaker humbly submitted himself, as it appeared, promising willingly to yield to such things which should be appointed him by my lord on this behalf. Then my lord admitted kindly his submission, together with the congratulation of all that were present; and it was entred into the acts of the day." But that this worthy man meant not a plenary submission unto their wills, may appear by a letter that he privately wrote to a friend upon this occasion, fearing Mr. Cardmaker's revolt from religion. The letter is recorded in Fox, which, being short, I will transcribe, shewing the spirit and Christian resolution of this man.

1555.  
An account  
of his sub-  
mission.  
Fox's MSS.

*"The peace of God be with you.*

p. 260.

"You shall right well perceive, that I am not gone back, as some men do report me, but as ready to give my life as any of my brethren that are gone before me, although, by a policy, I have a little prolonged it; and that for the best, as already it appeareth unto me, and shall shortly appear unto all. That day that I recant any point of doctrine, I shall suffer twenty kinds of death, the Lord being mine assistance, as I doubt not but he will. Commend me to my friend, and tell him no less. This the Lord

His letter,  
shewing  
what it was

1555. strenghten you, me, and all his elect: my riches and poverty is as it was wont to be; and I have learned to rejoyce in poverty, as well as riches: for that I count now to be very riches. Thus fare ye well in Christ. Salute all my brethren in my name. I have conferred with some of my adversaries, learned men, and I find that they be but *sophists* and *shadows*."

His learning and  
steadfast-  
ness.

But when he would not so easily be brought to subscribe as they expected, he continued a great while after a prisoner, and endured many grievous conflicts with the papists; the rather because they conceived good hopes they should have drawn him to their side at last. Great pains were taken about him; earnest was their desire to gain so learned a man, and often their sittings; resorting daily to him, no labour omitted: whatsoever diligence in this matter might prevail, contention, threatening, fear, entreaty, flattery, profit, nothing was left unattempted. He being therefore baited so many ways, when he could not otherwise escape out of their snares, desired them to put all their reasons in writing, promising them that he likewise would answer them in writing. To be short, one of the doctors took upon him this office, called Martyn, a civil lawyer of Winchester's retinue, and well traded in his master's school of errors and deceits; otherwise a man not the slowest witted among the papists, if he had used the gifts of nature to the maintaining of truth and right, rather than to the flattering of a few men. This was that Martyn that set forth the book against priests' marriages, in the year 1554. This man would needs encounter Cardmaker in maintaining *transubstantiation*, and other articles: but Cardmaker, though lower in degree, yet better in force of arguments, answered him again by writing: and did well and plentifully beat down his youthful boldness, and taught him to keep himself within his bounds of the law, if he were wise. And thus this godly man being much, and a long time tossed on every side, continued in steadfast constancy even to the day of his

Dr. Martyn.



death, which he suffered at Smithfield. It is a great pity that none of his disputations, nor these answers to Martyn, nor any letters of his, are extant, being as learned a man as any that suffered in those evil days; and as much means used by the popish party to bring him over; and yet very little is recorded of him in Fox, or elsewhere. 1555.

He shewed his learning and parts, methinks, in those few words that passed between him and Beard, by occupation a tailor, by office a *promoter*: who, two or three days before Cardmaker's death, came unto him from the council, as he pretended, to know if he would recant. Whereupon he told Beard, that he had been a tailor by his trade, and had endeavoured to be a skilful workman, and thereby to get his living; and so had he been a preacher for twenty years, and ever since, that God, by his great mercy, had opened his eyes to see his eternal truth, he had endeavoured to call upon him to give him the true understanding of his holy word; and he thanked God for that great mercy, hoping that he had discharged his conscience in the setting forth of the same, according to the talent he had received. And when Beard asked him what he thought of the blessed sacrament of the altar, he, among other things, asked him again, "Whether the sacrament he spoke of had a beginning or no?" Whereunto Beard replying, granted it had, and an end too. Then said Cardmaker, "If the sacrament had a beginning, as he confessed, and an ending too, then it could not be God; for God had no beginning nor ending." And so willed him to note the same. Card-maker's words to the promoter. p. 261.

John Philpot, Archdeacon of Winchester, was burnt at Smithfield, in the month of December; another learned man, as appears by those many examinations that were taken of him, which are preserved in Fox's book. He once in his zeal for the honour of Christ his master, did spit at an Arian: for which he wrote a discourse, intituled, "An Apology, and an invective against the Arians; with an admo- Philpot burnt.

1555. nition to beware of them and of other late-sprung heresies;" which he wrote by way of letter to the godly brethren and sisters: which being not printed in Fox, nor in the Martyrs' Letters, I have placed, and I think very deservedly, in the Catalogue: for I think it pity that any scraps of these great men should be lost. He was present when a certain Arian, being minded to pervert some to his own heresy, said words to this effect: "That God was no otherwise in Christ, than God was in him:" making Christ but a creature as he himself was; and that *he might be without sin as well as Christ*. Philpot could not bear these blasphemous words, and in indignation spit upon him; "Which, he said, he did for this end, to signify thereby, that he was a person not fit to be accompanied withal for his horrid blasphemy, and to relieve that sorrow, which he conceived for that blasphemy that was spoke against our Saviour." These reasons he gave to defend himself in this seemingly rude behaviour, which had given offence to some.

No.  
XLVIII.

His reasons  
for spitting  
on an  
Arian.

Some of  
the tenets  
of the  
Arians.

These modern Arians, besides their heresy about Christ, denied the godhead of the Holy Ghost. They objected against some passages of our liturgy: as against the suffrage, *Lord have mercy upon us, miserable sinners*; for they said, they were not *miserable*, nor would be accounted so. They were against using the Lord's Prayer; for it was needless, they said, to pray, *Thy kingdom come*, when God's kingdom was already come upon them, and that men needed not to pray for that which they had already. And also that petition, *Forgive us our trespasses*; for they held they had no sin. They denied also the Old Testament to be of any authority; and that David's Psalms were not to be used as prayers and praises unto God; and they denied the benefit of repentance to any that sinned after baptism. These errors and heresies, and the like, Philpot, in the afore-said letter, discovered and confuted. There is a book of his against the Arians mentioned in his eleventh

examination to be published, but whether it were this letter, or something else, I cannot tell. 1555.

To this I have added another of his letters hitherto unprinted, writ to a certain pious lady nameless; I suppose the good Lady Vane, to whom he wrote many; and I verily believe this to be his own hand. It was writ a month and four or five days before his death. Herein he mentioned an examination he underwent before a great many lords of the council; before whom, *he said*, he did more frankly deliver his mind, than he had done at any time before, and that the matter laid against him was his disputation in the convocation two years before, concerning their idol the mass; which they urged him to recant. And then he answered them, that if the clergy could prove their sacrament of the altar to be a sacrament, or themselves to be of the true church of Christ, he promised he would be conformable to all their doings. No. XLIX.

Philpot's  
letter to a  
lady.

This Philpot was of a knightly family, and had ingenuous education in Wickham's school by Winchester. He was a traveller, and had been at Rome; where he was acquainted with Christopherson, in this queen's reign, Bishop of Chichester, well seen in Greek learning. In King Edward's days he entered the lists against the Arians, who began to shew their faces then, and he wrote against them. He was a man of strong affections; and when he saw at Queen Mary's first convocation (whereof he was a member) what a sort of men were gathered together, and how bent to set up idolatry in this land, where it had been with so much care and pains thrown out, and the godly reformation like to be overthrown, he wept before them all, casting himself down upon his knees; whereat, some there did but make sport. In that convocation he spake very boldly; insomuch that Weston, the prolocutor, told him, he was mad, and that he should go to Bethlem, and bad him hold his peace, and to have him to prison, and to put him out of the house. He wrote a report of this convocation, which fell into Bishop Some further account of Philpot.



1555.

Bonner's hands, among other of Philpot's books that that bishop had seized; and this report he maintained before the said Bonner, and the Bishops of Durham, Chichester and Bath, and divers other doctors, to be true. The Bishop of London taunted at him for some sentences that he read in some of Philpot's books; as this sentence in his Bible, "Spiritus est vicarius Christi in terris." And in another book, "In me Johanne Philpotto, ubi abundavit peccatum, superabundavit et gratia." Both which Bonner would have made matter of charge against him, though the former sentence was St. Bernard's, and the latter St. Paul's, which Bonner, it seems, knew not. When Christopherson, Bishop of Chichester, had reproached him with ignorance in the doctors, Philpot told that bishop, "That it was a shame for them to wrest and wreath the doctors as they did, to maintain a false religion. And that the doctors were altogether against them, if they took them aright. And that it was indeed their false packing of doctors together, had given him and others occasion to look upon them. Whereby we find you (said he) shameful lyars, and misrepresenters of the antient doctors." And when Doctor Morgan, of Oxford, told him, "All the doctors were on their side, and against Philpot and his party altogether," he replied, "That so indeed they said, when they were in their pulpits alone, and none to answer them; but if they would come to cast accounts with him thereof, he would venture with them a recantation, that he, as little sight as he had in the doctors, would bring more authorities of antient doctors on his side, than they should be able for theirs. Nay, he that can bring most to him (said he to him) let the other side yield."

p. 263.

Philpot's  
writings in  
prison.

He writ some treatises, and very many letters in prison, especially while he remained in the King's Bench, in an easier confinement, before he was by Bishop Bonner cast into his Cole-House, *a dark and ugly prison as any was about London*, as himself de-

scribed it. Most of his letters were to the Lady Vane, a most excellent pious woman, whom he styled, *The Elect Lady*, and sometimes his *Mother*, and sometimes his *Sister*. She sent him large portions of money to supply his necessities, and of the rest of the prisoners of Christ; making him her almoner. One parcel of which money, by her order, was conveyed by him to Oxford in the month of October, to the three fathers, Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley, in captivity there. He also penned his examinations, thirteen in number; which yet were not all he underwent. These being conveyed beyond sea, were by Fox put into Latin and printed.

To all the rest I shall add one piece of his justice, and his adversaries' injustice. Though all the time of his imprisonment he received no benefit from his archdeaconry, which his enemies had stopt payment of, yet his sureties for the first-fruits were compelled to pay the same. This occasioned him, in a letter to a brother, and another to a sister of his, to intreat them to take all care, that the sureties might be satisfied out of his own estate, to the contentation of his mind, which could not be quiet till they were discharged. One Fokes, a lawyer, sent him a book of law to instruct him in some law-case, probably concerning this business; but Philpot reckoned law would little avail him now; and in a letter, bad Careless commend him to Mr. Fokes, and thank him for the law-book, "But neither law (said he) nor equity will take any place among these blood-thirsty."

He was the son of Sir Peter Philpot, Knight, high Winton, and was in his youth put to Wickham College; where he profited in learning so well, that he laid a wager of twenty-pence with John Harpsfield, that he would make two hundred verses in one night, and not make above three faults in them. Mr. Thomas Tuchynner, school-master, next before Mr. White, was judge, and adjudged the twenty-pence to Mr. Philpot.

1555.  
Lady Vane.

His justice.

His parts  
when  
young.  
Foxii MSS.

1555.  
A passage  
between  
the bishop  
and him.

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Stephen, Bishop of Winton, ever bare ill-will against this godly gentleman, and forbad him preaching oftentimes in King Henry's reign; but he could not, in his conscience, hide his talent under this prince, and in so popish a diocese. At last the bishop sent for certain justices, who came to his house, named Wolsey, and there calling Mr. Philpot **ROGUE**; "My lord (said he) do you keep a privy sessions in your own house for me, and call me **ROGUE**, whose father is a knight, and may dispend a thousand pounds within one mile of your nose? And he that can dispend ten pounds by the year as I can, I thank God, is no vagabond." Winchester, "Can'st thou spend ten pounds by the year?" Philpot, "Ask Henry Francis, your sister's son." Henry Francis kneeling down, said, "I pray you, my lord, be a good lord unto Mr. Philpot, for he is to me a good landlord." Winch. "What rent dost thou pay him?" Francis, "I pay him ten pounds by year." At this word the bishop was afraid, and ashamed for making so loud a lie upon a gentleman, and a learned gentleman. This passage Mr. Sternhold, one of King Edward's privy chamber, told afterwards to that king for entertainment sake.

This Henry Francis, the bishop's nephew, the bishop took care of from his youth, but he wanted, as it seems, a sober education; for he proved a cutter and a ruffian; and, as though he intended to further him in vice, he preferred him to the bailiffwick of the Clink, that is, he made him captain of the stews, and all the whores thereunto belonging.

The register sets  
him and  
Bishop  
Poynt together.  
Foxii MSS.

To return to our archdeacon. There was in the latter end of King Edward, an unhappy difference started between Poynt, the learned Bishop of Winton, and him; fomented and devised by Cook, the register, a man that hated pure religion. He informed the said bishop, whether true or false I know not, that there was a yearly pension due to him from the archdeacon. This causing contention between them, hence intolerable troubles arose, and



slanders in that diocese to them both; while so good a bishop, at the setting on of so rank a knave, could find in his heart to vex his brother, so conspicuous both for learning and life. Another instance of Cook's malice towards the archdeacon was this: Cook having married a lady, rode with more men than the archdeacon himself, and taking this opportunity of number of attendance, once fore-stalled the way between Winchester and Mr. Philpot's sister's house, about three miles from the said city, whither he was going; and lying in wait for him, set his men upon him, and sore beat him, overdone by number: for otherwise the archdeacon had as lusty a courage to defend himself, as in disputation against popish prelates to impugn their doctrine. But though he were thus beaten, hurt and wounded, yet remedy he could have none in the spiritual court, the bishop, as well as this his register, being in contest with him. But enough of Philpot.

## CHAP. XXXIV.

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Justices. Bishop Bonner's book for his diocese. Other books set forth. A parliament. First-fruits and tenths. A synod. A bull granted to Secretary Petre.

NOW the persecution grew hot, and the Papalins Justices  
persecutors shewed their cruel natures; the civil magistrates in each county were procured to be such as might seek out every where the true professors of religion, and bring them to suffering. In Essex were these justices of peace among others: the Lord Rich, that had been lord chancellor under King Edward, and a complier with his proceedings, but now a severe prosecutor of the protestants, Sir Anthony Brown, Henry Tyrril, Edmund Tyrril, Thomas Mildmay, Roger Appleton, Richard Weston, Justice Gaudy; which last was the only favourer of them, and the least fierce against them.

1555.

Bonner  
sets forth a  
book, con-  
taining A  
Necessary  
Doctrine;

By this time Bishop Bonner had prepared, by the study of his chaplains, a book of popish doctrine and homilies, for the use of his diocese, being printed by Cawood in September. It was intituled, “A Profitable and Necessary Doctrin, with certain Homilies adjoining thereunto. Set forth by the Reverend Father in God, Edmund, Bishop of London, for the instruction and information of the people, being within his diocess of London, and of his care and charge.” The bishop’s *Preface to the Reader* hath this beginning: “Whenas in the time of the late outrageous and pestiferous schism, being here in this church and realm of England, all godliness and goodness was despised, and in a manner banished, and the catholic trade and doctrin of the church with a new, envious and odious term, called and named Papistry,” &c. The book itself begins with an explication concerning faith, what it is. Then follows the exposition or declaration of the Creed, the exposition of the Seven Sacraments, the exposition of the Ten Commandments, the exposition of the *Pater Noster*, the exposition of *Ave Maria*, the exposition of the seven deadly sins, the exposition of the seven beatitudes, and lastly, Prayers. Then follow, in the same volume, “Homilies set forth by the Right Reverend Father in God, Edmund, Bishop of London, not only promised before in his book, intituled, *A Necessary Doctrin*, but also, now of late, adjoined and added thereunto. To be read within the Diocess of London, of all parsons, vicars and curats unto their parishioners, upon Sundays and holidays, anno MDLV.” These Homilies were thirteen in number, viz. I. Of the Creation and Fall of Man. II. Of the Misery of all Mankind, and of his Condemnation to Death. III. Of the Redemption of Man. IV. How the Redemption in Christ is appliable to Man. V. Of Christen Love and Charity. VI. How dangerous a Thing to break off Charity is. VII. Of the Church, what it is, and of the Commodity thereof. VIII. Of the Authority of the Church. IX. Of

And Homi-  
lies.

the Supremacy. X. Of the true Presence of Christ's Body and Blood in that Sacrament of the Altar. 1555.  
 XI. Of Transubstantiation. XII. Of certain Answers against some common Objections made against the Sacrament of the Altar.—The book is concluded p. 266.  
 with an address of the bishop to all parsons and curates, within the diocese of London, beginning, "Forasmuch as the people of my diocess, &c.—Therefore, desiring to have something done onward, till God, of his goodness, provide something better, I have laboured, with my chaplains and friends, to have these Homilies printed, that ye may have somewhat to instruct and teach your flock withal; requiring and charging every one of you, that diligently, and upon Sundays and holydays, ye read to your flock, fruitfully and deliberately, one of the said Homilies. And thus, *fare you well*. Given at my house at London, the 1st of July, 1555."

There was also one Miles Hogheard, or Huggard, a tradesman in Pudding-lane, who set forth a book about this time (or rather the year after), bearing for its title, "Against the English Protestants:" a piece written with much bitterness and scurrility; laying to their charge the famine, and the other miseries of England. This man made some pretence to learning; but Bale laughs at him, for going about to prove fasting from Virgil's *Æneis*, and Tully's *Tusculan Questions*. But he set himself to oppose and abuse the gospellers, being set on and encouraged by priests and massmongers, with whom he much consorted, and was sometimes with them at Bishop Bonner's house. And the protestants were even with him, and made verses upon him, not sparing him at all; some whereof, in Latin, may be seen in Bale's *Centuries*. Against him wrote Laur. Humphrey, Crowly, Kethe, Plough, and others. When Mr. Hawks, a gentleman of Essex, was Bonner's prisoner, because he would not permit his child to be christened after the popish rites, this Hogheard was in company with Dr. Richard Smith, and others

Huggard's  
book

Answered  
under the  
name Rob.  
Crowley.



1555. of the bishop's chaplains, who came to confer with the said Hawks. Then did this tradesman take upon him to talk with Hawks, but he was not his match. He asked Hawks, where in scripture he proved that infants were baptized? thinking thereby to drive him to acknowledge the authority of the church. But Hawks readily answered, "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them," &c. To which Huggard replied, "What, shall we go teach children?" Hawks again briskly, "Doth that word trouble you? It might be left out full well (speaking ironically, as they would have it, to save themselves the pains of teaching). It is too much for you to teach." He added, "Is not your name Huggard? and be not you a hosier, and dwell in Pudding-lane?" And when the other had confessed it, Hawks replied, "It should seem so; for you can better skill to eat a pudding, and make a hose, than either to answer or oppose." With which he was in a great rage, and did chafe up and down. Whereat Hawks desired some good man to take the pains to walk the gentleman, he fretted so.

A book  
comes  
forth, call-  
ed, A short  
Descrip-  
tion of  
Atheism.

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And from time to time came forth books, to set a fair face upon the alteration of religion. Nor were the protestants a whit behind them in exposing the mass and the superstitions brought in again, and in upbraiding those that had their hands therein. And particularly about this time, in the month of October, somebody (perhaps Coverdale, or some other scribe) laid it close, in a small book, to the nobility, by whose means all this change was effected; who themselves, under King Edward, had established, and shewed themselves forward for that which now they rejected. This book was intituled, "A short Description of Antichrist, unto the Nobility of England; and to all my Brethren and Countrymen, born and dwelling therein: With a Warning to see to, that they be not deceived by the Hypocrisy and crafty Conveyance of the Clergy." It began, "There is nothing more pe-  
rillous, Right Honourable Lords, ne yet more pernicious and evil to Christen man's religion, than so to

be corrupt, poisoned, and blinded in his understanding and judgment, that he esteemeth and judgeth evil in the sted of good, error in the sted of verity, cloaked superstition in the sted of Christ's true religion, painted hypocrisy in the sted of godly virtue, manifest and open idolatry in the sted of the true worshipping of God, men's dreams and traditions in the sted of God's most holy laws and ordinances, a common custom (long time used of our forefathers) insted of a sure ground and firm foundation of our Christen faith; and finally, to accept and take *anti-christ*, the *man of sin*, and *child of perdition*, as Paul nameth him, insted of God and of Christ; whose name is most contrary to God and most hateful to Christ, in all his doctrines, works, and conditions," &c.

1555.

He directed his book especially to the nobility, those of the queen's council, and the rest; because, by their means, that law of burning men for religion was revived: "Which law (he said) did not only accuse their lordships of their inconstancy, who not long time before, upon reasonable and godly causes well weighed, freely disputed, and reasoned, did disanul, make frustrate and void, the same, as a wicked law; but also this their sudden reviving of the same, declared that they cared not what they did, were it never so wicked and contrary to God, so they might avoid the displeasure of the magistrate, and supreme civil governor; whereby it appeared manifestly, that they regarded more the displeasure of man, than *the displeasure of God*."

Upbraids  
the nobi-  
lity.

"Alas! Right Honourable (as he passionately proceeded), who hath bewitched you, that you so suddenly are fled from God's truth, your own consciences so long time approving the same? Before whose eyes Jesus Christ was so lively preached, and so faithfully set forth; and nevertheless now, not only his doctrin, and the true and profitable use of the sacraments be, by your consents, repealed for heresy, but also Christ himself, in his holy members

1555. and mystical body, most cruelly tormented and slain. Alas! that foreign nations shall object this inconstancy to your dishonours; namely, to be so inconstant and wavering in the principal points concerning a Christen man's religion, now by you repealed as heresy, which was by your commandments set forth, and commanded, through all the realm and dominions of England, to be taught, and also to be received of the people. To what truth and what religion may the subjects of this realm hereafter cleave, and assuredly, without wavering, follow? Which do perceive, that your Lordships, contrary to your own commandment heretofore made and directed to them, do fly and retire from the doctrin and true use of the sacraments, that you, in so little time past, did most

p. 268. worthily approve to be most godly, and necessary to be taught and followed? God grant, that the commons of this realm, that now murmur and grudge at this inconstancy, and other your evil doings, do not hereafter burthen you with the same; and especially for your flying from the true religion, which you did before all men approve to be most godly: from the which ye be now fled, to the great dishonour of God. Wherefore God, by his prophet, threatneth you to bring you to dishonour, saying, *I will give them honour that honoureth me, and they that dishonour me, will I bring to dishonour.*" Thus this fickleness in the gentry and nobility of those times was smartly thrown in their teeth by the best sort.

The substance of the book.

The method the author of this book followed, was, first, to describe and set forth Christ, according as the holy scriptures bear witness of him; and then to paint, in his lively colours, that arch-heretick antichrist, that extreme contrary to Christ: so that the one contrary compared and set near to the other, should expressly declare and set forth the other more evidently, plainly, and apparently.

A parliament.

A parliament (being the fourth assembled under this queen) was begun and holden on the 21st of October this year, and lasted to the 9th of December



following, and then dissolved. The queen rode to the parliament-house in a horse-litter, open, so that they might behold her grace very plainly; who never looked more merrily, to all men's sight, as was wrote in a letter to the Earl of Shrewsbury in the North, from one that belonged to him in London. 1555.

In this parliament, that which was done about religion was, that the king and queen released the first-fruits to the clergy (which had been given to King Henry VIII.), and that these payments should from henceforth cease, and be clearly extinguished for ever, their honours and consciences them especially hereunto moving; though this bill stuck, and passed not above two or three days before the breaking up. And touching the order and disposition of the tenths of spiritual and ecclesiastical promotions, of these, being called a *perpetual pension* and *annual rent* to the king, the clergy was to be exonerated and acquitted also; but yet to be so ordered and disposed, as afterwards in the act was expressed. And the lord legate should, from time to time, name and appoint certain of the clergy, and the successors of them, who should take, perceive, and receive the perpetual pensions, annual rents of divers and sundry rectories, parsonages, benefices, improprieties, glebelands, tithes, oblations, pensions, proportions, &c. belonging to the king and queen, and the reversion and reversions of them, since the 20th of King Hen. VIII. as also all and singular the revenues, rents, profits, and commodities of the said rectories, parsonages, &c. To this use and intent following: That the said clergy, so appointed by the lord legate, shall therewith satisfy, content, and pay to all religious persons, late abbots, priors, masters of colleges, chauntry priests, their pensions, corrodies, annuities, &c. for their term of years or life; and to the intent the poor benefices and cures of this realm might be furnished with good and able curates, to instruct the people with good and sincere doctrine; and to be able to maintain hospitality, and for and to other godly intents and

First-fruits  
and tenths.

A trust  
committed  
to the le-  
gate.

1555. purposes, the said lord legate might dispose, employ, and convert the said rectories, parsonages, benefices, improprieties, glebe-lands, tithes, oblations, pensions, &c. to the increase and augmenting of the livings; and otherwise for the finding of preachers, or the exhibition of scholars, within this realm, according to the godly wisdom and discretion of the said legate. And upon the death of any persons that received the said pensions, annuities, &c. the said payment of perpetual pensions, annual payments, or tenths, shall utterly cease and be determined for ever. This may be noted as one great respect given to the cardinal, and a considerable employ for him.

John Hooper of this parliament. Ld. Coke's Institut. Part IV. p. 20.

I find one John Hooper, gent. related, it is probable, to Bishop John Hooper, lately martyred, a burgess in this parliament for New Sarum; who absented from this parliament, as not liking, perhaps, their doings.

A patent to the cardinal for holding a synod.

The cardinal, hoping to bring his matters to pass the better by the assembly of the clergy, had now called a synod shortly to appear before him at Westminster, upon the session of the parliament; but thought it not convenient to do it absolutely, or found he could not, by virtue of his legatine power, without the license and allowance of the prince, as the year before he obtained it for the dispensing of his graces and faculties to the subjects. Another patent, therefore, was granted him from the king and queen, dated November 2, for celebrating this synod, the tenor whereof was as followeth:

Regist. Card. Poli.

“PHILIP and MARY, &c. (then repeating their former instrument, allowing Cardinal Pole's legatine jurisdiction, they proceed.) Know ye, that forsomuch as the said reverend father, earnestly desiring that his labour and travail may take fruit to the honour of God, and the wealth of our subjects, hath now called a synod of the clergy of this realm of England, to appear before him at our palace of Westminster; We, to avoid all danger, doubt, and ambiguity, which might arise in that case, by reason of any laws,

statutes, customs, or prerogatives of us, or of this our realm of England; and for the more ample declaration of our said letters patents, have graunted, declared, and signified, and by these presents do graunt, declare, and signify, that our will, pleasure, and consent is, that as well the foresaid reverend person may freely, without lets of us, or daunger of any of our laws, statutes, &c. call and celebrate the said synod, or any other synod hereafter, at his will and pleasure; and in the same synod ordain and decree any wholesome canons, for the good life and manners of the clergy of our realm of England, or any other of our realms and dominions, and to any other thing for the better executing of their office and duty. And also the said clergy may appear and be present at the said synod or synods, and consent to fulfil and obey all such canons as shall be ordained in the same, or in any of them, without let or impediment of us, and without incurring any danger or penalty, or forfeiture of any of our laws or statutes; any act, ordinance, or other matter contrary to the same notwithstanding. And hereto we have given full power and authority by these presents. In witness whereof, we have caused these our letters to be made patents, the 2d of November, in the second and third years of our reign.”

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By which it seems to appear, that the clergy was shy of assembling in synod, or doing any thing there, upon the summons of the cardinal, notwithstanding his legatine vapour, for fear of running into a *premunire* by virtue of some former laws of the realm. And so as yet they assembled not, though the parliament began to sit twelve days before the date of the former letters. Something was done by the legate in this convocation, which may be read in the History of the Reformation by Bishop Burnet.

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Notwithstanding the law that was made in the parliament last year, confirming church lands to the present owners, yet so cautious was Sir William Petre, one of the principal secretaries of state, that

Church  
lands con-  
firmed to  
Petre by  
the pope.



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he thought it not sure enough to rely upon it, and therefore obtained a bull this year from the pope, for the ratification of the manors and lands that he had purchased of King Henry VIII. which had formerly belonged to monasteries; absolving him from all excommunication for the same, and that he might continue his possession of them without scruple of conscience; and commanded the Bishop of Cond. to permit the said Petre not to be vexed or disturbed in relation to the said lands. This bull is extant in Dugdale's Monasticon, where it is specified, that Sir William Petre was ready to assign and demise the said lands to spiritual uses. The original bull was in the keeping of William Lord Petre, descended from the said secretary, anno 1672.

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## CHAP. XXXV.

The death of Bishop Gardiner, with some remarks upon him.  
Bishop Gardiner and Bishop Bonner bloody.

Some account of  
Bishop  
Gardiner.

AS this year brought many protestant bishops and divines to their deaths, so it brought their great persecutor, in the midst of his bloody triumphs over them, to his end: for, in November, the next month after the burning of Ridley and Latimer, Stephen Gardiner, Bishop of Winchester, and Lord High Chancellor of England, deceased: a man of good learning and great parts, but of infinite pride, ambition and malice, and most fatally set against the gospel, and the profession of it; for the prevention of which he shed abundance of innocent blood. Hollingshed is mistaken both in the day of his death, and in the place where he deceased; making the former to be November the 9th, and the latter, his house at Winchester-place, by St. Mary Overies. To assign the truth of which, we are enabled by a letter dated November 14, 1555, wrote from London by Crych to the Earl of Shrewsbury, whose servant he was;

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p. 1130.

the said earl being then in the North : in which letter he signified the news of the departure of the bishop in these words : “ My Lord of Winchester (whose soul God pardon) is departed ; and his bowels were buried at St. Mary Overies, in Southwark : but his body (as the saying is) shall be carried to Winchester to be buried there (and so it was.) What time he departed is not yet certainly known ; but most say, he died on Thursday night, being the 12th day of this instant, about two of the clock at after midnight, at Westminster, and was brought in his barge from thence to his house in Southwark.”

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As for his pedigree, he is said to be misbegotten, and Godwin writes, as though he were base-son to Woodville, Bishop of Salisbury, under King Edward IV. as he credibly received it from a relation of that bishop (and so I have seen it recorded in the Herald's Office) : and that the said bishop married his mother to Gardiner, one of the meanest of his followers ; and committed the child to some who were to take particular care of his education. It is sure, when Gardiner was abroad in embassies, he used to subscribe himself Stevens, or Stephens, as though he cared not for his surname ; though yet it must not be denied that he wrote himself by his surname also sometimes. And I have seen his coat of arms in an old herald's scroll, together with other coats, painted, as I have reason to believe, when it was first given him, being then only Dr. Gardiner, and a dignitary ; which coat resembleth the bearing of the family of the Gardyners of Glemsford, near Ipswich in Suffolk ; but with an abatement, viz. within a bordure engrailed, argent, a field azure, a chevron of the first charged with three garlands gules, between as many griffins' heads erased of the first. Yet I have seen a very good picture of him when Bishop of Winchester, belonging to Sir Richard Gibbs, of Wheltham, in Suffolk, Kt. where his coat of arms varies, being within the garter, the see of Winton impaled with his own, which there, is azure, a cross or, charged with a garland gules, be-

His pedigree.

His arms.

1555. tween four griffins' heads erased argent, languid of the third; which is the very coat of the Gardyners of Glemsford: but I suppose this was the error of the painter. Upon the frame is written *Vana salus hominis*; which I take for his motto. This picture was drawn when he was of the age of fifty-three. He is represented with a square cap on his head, his complexion swarthy, a severe face, shaved close, his eyelids somewhat hanging over his eyes; stone rings upon both his fore-fingers, habited in a white garment close at the wrists, with a tippet over it.

His picture.

Ponet's character of him. Treat. of Politic Power.

There was one (namely, he that succeeded him in his bishoprick under King Edward) left this character of him, concealing the bishop's name under the periphrasis of *the Doctor of Practices*: "Albeit this doctor be now (under Queen Mary) but too late, thoroughly known, yet it shall be requisite that our posterity know what he was, and by his description, see how nature hath shaped the outward parts, to declare what was within. This doctor hath a swart colour, hanging look, frowning brows, eyes an inch within his head, a nose hooked like a buzzard, nostrils like a horse, ever snuffing into the wind, a sparrow mouth, great paws like the devil, talons on his feet like a gripe, two inches longer than the natural toes, and so tyed to with sinews, that he cannot abide to be touched, nor scarce suffer them to touch the stones. And nature having thus shaped the form of an old monster, it gave him a vengeable wit; which at Cambridge, by labour and diligence he had made a great deal worse, and brought up many in that faculty, Wriothesly, Germain Gardiner (whom he caused speedily to be hanged, lest he should have too much disclosed his master's art) and among many others, the master or proctor of practises, Paget.

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His study and course to prefer himself.

"This doctor, to give some signification of his nature and cunning to come aloft, that he might do the more mischief, betrays his master Cardinal Wolsey; and, more than any other, labours the divorce between King Henry and the dowager. And by and



by he earnestly sought to have rid in the king's boots. 1555.  
 Worse could not content him. But when he saw that would not be, and considered it better to have store than one only person (for so, perchance, he might have found them sometime not all clean, when he should have used them; and also it should be a let to bring to pass that he purposed) he changeth his purpose; and because none should remember his practices, nor suspect the rest to come, he shaveth his crown as broad as a sawcer," &c. (and takes holy orders.)

The author adds, that when Gardiner saw how ill Gardiner's  
 affected the nation stood toward the match that he craft.  
 had the making of, between the queen and Philip, he ordered it so, that it should be given out, that the Lord Paget was the great doer of it. "He was excellent in the art of practices, as it well appeared: for when he had wrought and made sure the great marriage, to avoid the hatred of the people, he made his scholar (Paget) to father it, and to have the outward thank." The same writer shewed how obnoxious this bishop was to the extremest capital punishment, by reason of treason; that is, in holding secret correspondence with the pope. But he obliged liberally such as knew his doings, and might have accused him: for so he tells us, that he spent yearly the half of his bishoprick in bribing, or else he had lost his head long before; for the treasons were not altogether unknown, albeit they were covered and hid. A more particular account of this, and other things before generally spoken, we shall have in what follows.

He was first bred at the university of Cambridge, Where  
 being of Trinity-Hall there, and after taken into bred.  
 Cardinal Wolsey's family, and was preferred to be his secretary; and by him advanced to the king's service, as many others of that cardinal's servants were. And being resolved to push on his own fortunes, he complied with the king in all his will and pleasure; and, particularly, was a great instrument

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His embas-  
sy to the  
pope.

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The effect  
thereof.

in King Henry's divorce from Queen Katharine, some years before Archbishop Cranmer was concerned in it: for in the latter end of the year 1527, he, with Edward Fox, doctor of the civil law, and provost of King's College, in Cambridge, was sent in embassy to the pope at Orviet, whence he had escaped out of imprisonment at Rome, after the sacking of it. Their business was to procure from the pope a larger commission than that which Dr. Knight, the king's secretary, a little before had obtained. That which Knight had obtained was a dispensation passed by his holiness, and a commission for the lord legate of York, to set upon the king's great business: which dispensation and commission were brought to the king by Cambara, the pope's protonotary: Cambara then telling the king from the pope, that if these were in any point thought insufficient, or any thing by learned men could be devised to be added thereunto, in order to the effectual determination of the matter, he would readily do it.

Gardiner and Fox having first waited upon the French king in their way, according to instructions, for his forwarding the king's business with the pope (from which king they obtained an earnest letter to the said pope in King Henry's behalf, not without threatening) they travelled from Paris to Orviet. They carried with them letters from the king and the cardinal to the pope. They carried also a book of the king's composing relating to this matter (which the pope read himself) besides letters to other cardinals there, as *Sanctorum quatuor, de Ancona, et de Ravenna*. In fine, they obtained of the pope the commission to two legates, the Cardinal of York and Campejus, to examine the king's great cause, which was framed according to the king's desire. The effect of all this negotiation, with the sum of the several meetings of the king's ambassadors with the pope, and much of this intrigue, are contained in some letters from Gardiner, and the other ambassadors at the pope's court, to the king and cardinal; which

letters are remaining among Fox's Manuscripts. But hence we see how active this man was in the king's divorce, before Cranmer came to the court, or was heard of. But Cranmer had all the blame, and Gardiner had every thing not only forgiven and forgotten, but not so much as laid to his charge.

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For before his death, viz. under Queen Mary, he was advanced to be of the order of the garter, president of the king and queen's privy council, and lord high chancellor of England. And he sent forth commissions by his own authority, without any other of the privy counsellors (as he did to the church of Wells) and offered pardon where he thought fit; as he did to Latimer and others; which made Dr. William Turner, in his book printed about this time, use these words of him: "One is now clome up so high, that besides that he is a knight of the garter (or rather prelate of the garter) and a great lord, is also high chancellor of England, and president of the council, and is above all the lords, both temporal and spiritual, of the whole council. And so lordly be-  
haveth himself, that without the knowledge of the rest of the council, he sendeth forth commissions, as he did of late to Wells, by Dr. Edgeworth, and offereth pardon alone, as he did to Mr. Latimer; as though he were either King of England, or else had the queen, and all the council's heads, under his girdle."

His high  
promotion.

New book  
of Spirit.  
Physick.  
fol. 89.

But to take some particular view of him under the reign of King Henry. Being secretary to Cardinal Wolsey at the time the French King was the emperor's prisoner, the cardinal and this his secretary penned a league at the treaty, at More, in Hertfordshire, the cardinal's house; which league was between the French king's mother, then regent, and King Henry, for payment of great sums of money, owing to King Henry from France. Upon the penning this league, chiefly done by Gardiner, the King was so well pleased with it, that he took him into his service, and made him secretary to himself; which

Gardiner's  
rise.



1555. happened before the deposing of the cardinal; and when the bishoprick of Winton fell void, he gave it him; somewhat before which he was taken by the king into his council; and continued so for the most part of the king's life, especially in matters relating to France.

Gardiner  
caused  
Pole to be  
expelled  
France.

When Cardinal Pole came into France, to stir up that king to take arms against King Henry, because he had expelled the pope out of England, Gardiner was then ambassador there, and advertised the king thereof; and so procured the cardinal to be turned out of France. And that might give the ground, that there was so little understanding between Pole and Gardiner afterwards, when they were both flourishing in England together in Queen Mary's days.

Effects a  
difficult  
business  
between  
the king  
and em-  
peror.

When Winchester came out of France, he was sent ambassador to the emperor about certain articles in the league, being in debate. Dr. Thirlby and Dr. Carne were then ambassadors at that court, and joined in commission with him. These two could not bring the matter in debate to any effect; but when Winton was sent and transacted it, an end was put to it. And when any thing was in contest and dispute about the French King, the emperor, and King Henry, for leagues, our Bishop of Winchester was always called to make answer; because he had the French tongue perfectly, and knew the affairs that were between them and us.

Not suffer-  
ed to come  
to hear  
the dis-  
course be-  
tween the  
king and  
Frencham-  
bassadors.

A little before the king's death, the ambassadors of France came to the court: then the Bishops of Winton and Durham accompanied them, and brought them up to the king's attire chamber; and they were brought in to the king where he lay, but the two bishops were not suffered to go in. No; because, I suppose, matters were then to be discoursed, which would not be to their mind; namely, concerning making a reformation of religion, which both kings, at that time, were resolved upon. These matters I collect from Bishop Tonsal's Depositions at Gardiner's trial in King Edward's days; who also then

declared, that in King Henry's time, he did allow all his statutes, articles, injunctions, proclamations, as were then decreed, and did set forth the same accordingly; and made a book against the usurped power of the Bishop of Rome, which was that intitled, *Concerning true Obedience*. 1555.

Winchester did much value himself, because he was so often called for by the council upon French matters, and imagined it was done out of great deference to his judgment and wisdom. But although the king's counsellors did sometimes make use of him for the tongue's sake, when others were absent, yet they did not best like his doings in matters of religion. Which the king himself did once disclose to him at Greenwich. The council esteemed him not.

More than three weeks before the king died, being very sick, he made his will; sending for divers of his council, viz. the Earl of Warwick, the Earl of Hertford, the lord privy seal, the master of the horse, and Sir William Paget, secretary, to consult with them about it; and when somebody had named the Bishop of Winchester to be one of his executors, the king put him out, and would not have him in any wise named in his will. And at that time he gave them strict charge and commandment, that he should never be of his son's council: "For he is so willful and contentious (said the king) that you shall never be quiet, if he be among you;" with such like words. This was part of the Earl of Warwick's evidence before the commissioners at Winchester's trial. The king will not have him in his will. p. 275.

Whether it were Winchester's rigid temper, or his miscarriages in the management of the affairs the king employed him in, he was often severely checked by the king. But yet such was his compliance with the king in all things, that he maintained his ground almost to the king's dying day; though the king loved him not, yet esteeming him a man fit for his service. The Earl of Wiltshire and he (being then secretary) were once sent abroad ambassadors together, and at their return the king did dislike some- K. Henry often chid Gardiner.

1555. what of their managery of his business, and most severely fell upon Gardiner in the earl's presence. Whereat Gardiner being somewhat dismayed, the king took him apart in his bedchamber, and comforted him, and said his displeasure was not so much to him, as he took it; but that he durst more boldly direct his speech to him than to the earl. And from that day forward, Gardiner (according to his own relation, in one of his letters) was never put out of courage; but if any displeasing words passed from the king, *he folded them up in the matter* (I use his own expression.) This the king did not like; for he would have such as he chid, to shew great sorrow and subjection. Gardiner was reported unto him not to have stooped, and that he was stubborn. The king upon this would commend unto him the gentle relenting nature of some other gentlemen, that wept at every one of his words. When the king gave him the bishoprick of Winchester, he told him, he had often squared with him, but he loved him never the worse; and for a token thereof, gave him the bishoprick.

Letter to  
the lord  
protector.

The king's  
saying,  
when he  
gave him  
the bishop-  
rick.

What the  
bishop  
thought of  
the king's  
angry let-  
ters.

The king also would oftentimes write to him very angry letters (which the king used to call *whetting*) which, some that were privy to them, reckoned a sign of the great danger the bishop was in: yet the bishop (if you will believe himself) feared nothing at all; for he esteemed him a wise prince, and whatsoever he wrote or said for the present, he would after consider the matter as wisely as any man; and nothing hurt nor inwardly disfavour him, that had been bold with him.

Gardiner,  
while am-  
bassador,  
holds cor-  
respon-  
dence with  
the pope.

About the year 1538, a diet was held at Ratisbone, whither King Henry sent Bishop Gardiner and Sir Henry Knevit, his joint ambassadors; where also was Contarini, a legate from the pope. This legate brought letters from the pope to Winchester; and going away suddenly, desired an Italian merchant, named Lodovico, to go to Winchester, and to hasten his answer to the pope's packet, for that the carrier



was ready to depart in a day or two. This Lodovico soon after meeting one Wolf, steward to Sir H. Knevit, prayed him that he would tell the English ambassador what the legate desired. Wolf told him there were two ambassadors, and asked him, *Which?* He said, *He knew not that;* but he said it was a bishop, whom he styled *Reverendissimo*. This Wolf discovered to Mr. Chaloner, Sir Henry Knevit's secretary; and him Wolf carried to Lodovico, that there might be another witness besides himself, and then pumped him so in Chaloner's company, that he again spake of it. This whole matter was fully related by these two persons to Knevit, and he sent secret notice of it to the king. The king thought fit, at that time, to put it up; and sent word to Knevit and the bishop (who had words together about this) that they should both unite and mind his business. But it seems Lodovico went the next day unto the bishop, and he, by sifting the business, found out that Lodovico had mentioned it to the servants of the other ambassador. So he sent for Sir Henry, and made to him a great exclamation against poor Lodovico; saying, that he had poison in his dish, and a knave was suborned to be his destruction. He told Knevit also, that he had caused the emperor's minister, Granvela, to lay up Lodovico in prison, and examine him. Knevit would have had him before them both, under examination, but the bishop would not; saying, *he had referred it to Granvela* (who was a great friend to the pope.) Wolf, the first discoverer, who had been long sick of a cough of the lungs, and died within two weeks after, on his death-bed took the mass (and that before Knevit) avowing that what he had before reported of the bishop was true; and it was writ down in Wolf's will, to which he set his hand. This is the effect of the evidence of the Lord Paget, when he was produced a witness against the bishop in King Edward's time.

He was little loved in King Henry's reign. For even players and minstrels railed on him; and others made ballads and prints of him. Of which he took

Ballads  
made upon  
him.

1555. notice, and complained in one of his letters. He was once appointed to victual the king's navy; then he procured Wednesday to be observed by abstinence from flesh, which was therefore called *the Bishop's Fasting Day*; and hence proceeded one of the rhimes made upon him, with this burden, "Winchester, Winchester, grand mercy for your wine, beshrew your heart for your water."

Left out in  
a commis-  
sion for re-  
ligion.

When the last book of religion was by the king's order composed, and a commission was issued out to certain of the bishops and learned men, the king left Gardiner out of that commission, as the Lord Paget, the king's secretary, testified at the great trial of that bishop under King Edward. The reason whereof was, he said, because the king thought him wilful in religion, and much bent to the popish part.

How far  
he com-  
plied with  
the refor-  
mation.

In the beginning of the reign of King Edward VI. great labour was used with this bishop, to bring him into a compliance with the government and the reformation intended; and that because he had been an old courtier, and privy councillor, much employed in embassies and affairs of state; and they trained him along a good way. He took the oath of supremacy to King Edward. He declared his approbation of the taking away of ceremonies and images abused. He agreed, that monasteries and religious houses were justly dissolved. When by King Edward's Injunctions images were taken away, he exhorted the people in his sermons to be contented therewith. He referred it to the arbitrement of politick rulers, the taking away, or transposing of chauntries, obits, &c. He liked well the Communion Book set out by King Edward. The Book of Common Prayer he was content to keep himself, and to cause it to be kept by others. He yielded and granted to all the injunctions, statutes and proclamations, put out by the king and superior powers. This was the sum of the articles brought to him to subscribe from the privy council, which he did; but I doubt whether with his free consent, having been subscribed by him

after he had lain for some space of time a prisoner in the Tower. 1555.

The first occasion of trouble he met with, was for disobedience to the king's royal visitation, in the year 1547; refusing then to receive injunctions and orders; and for observing all the popish superstitions in his church. For which he was sent for to the council, and laid in the Fleet. His first troubles.

During his being here, which was not long, there passed some letters between the Archbishop of Canterbury and him: he had urged to the archbishop the state of religion in King Henry's days, from which he, and the clergy, and the council, did begin so much to vary. Winchester reminded him of the *king's book*, as he called it, established by parliament. But the archbishop in his answer told him, that he indeed called it so, and that the king was seduced; and that he, the archbishop, knew by whom he was compassed in that book. But Winchester sharply replied to him, "That the book was acknowledged by the parliament as the king's book; and that the archbishop himself commanded it to be published in his diocese, as the king's book; and that, if he thought it not true, he ought to think his grace would not, for all the princes christned in the world, have yielded unto. And he threatned the archbishop, that if he made this matter more public, and charged the late king with being *seduced*, he would vindicate his master, as one of his old servants." And whereas the archbishop had advised him to bethink himself of his present condition, lying now in prison, Winchester replied to this, with seemingly much satisfaction, "How himself was arrived to that haven of quietness without loss of any notable tackle, as the mariners say, which (he said) was a great matter as the winds had blown; and with a little flea-biting conveyed to an easy state. He advised, that seeing King Henry dyed so honourably, and so much lamented, and was concluded to be received to God's mercy, the realm should not be troubled during the king's minority Letters passed between the archbishop and Winchester.  
  
Concerning the king's book



1555. with matters of novelty, there being so many other things for the king's counsellors to regard."

Concern-  
ing the  
making of  
Homilies.

The archbishop had persuaded Winchester to spend some of his leisure thoughts in composing some good Homilies, for the use of the people; which the archbishop signified he was intent upon. But Winchester knew he should stop the archbishop in his demand, by giving him a *specimen* after what manner he should write Homilies, drawing into them such doctrine as the other would not approve of; and he gave him an instance how he would proceed, if he were to write *de vita perfecta*; suggesting thereby, it would be better for the archbishop's purpose, that Winchester should be let alone writing Homilies. In fine, Winchester wrote his judgment to the archbishop, "That it were better to let the people alone without them altogether; for people went to heaven before without them, and he trusted they should follow after them, though they had no Homilies." And so after this scoffing manner, he disapproved of the pious endeavours of Archbishop Cranmer, for the bringing the people out of ignorance, and the instructing and edifying them in true religion.

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Confer-  
ence be-  
tween the  
archbishop  
and Win-  
chester,  
concerning  
the Homily  
of Salva-  
tion.

And as he conferred with this bishop by letter, so he did also by speech; who, being at the Dean of St. Paul's house, together with the Bishops of Rochester and Lincoln, Dr. Cox, and some other divines (in commission I suppose) consulting together for the composing some Homilies for the use of the church, sent for the said Bishop of Winchester. There the archbishop shewed him the Homily then in hand concerning *salvation*, wherein was handled the matter of justification; endeavouring to persuade him to allow of it, by reasoning with him concerning it. But Winchester pretended, whatsoever they said could not salve his conscience, and challenged them to shew any old writer that taught as that Homily did.

Winches-  
ter's letter  
to the pro-  
tector.

Upon the return of the Duke of Somerset, lord protector of the king's person, from his victorious expedition into Scotland, Winchester being still in the

Fleet, wrote letters unto him. In one of them he vindicated himself as to his behaviour in the royal visitation, shewing that he could not in conscience obey several injunctions; as the receiving of Erasmus's Paraphrase Englished, which was so falsely translated, and such errors also being in the author himself. He objected also against the Book of Homilies, which was then finished, and enjoined to be received and used in all churches. He signified to the protector, that he, understanding such a visitation to be in hand, wrote to the council to stay it, till the said protector's return; which he pretended was intended by him out of the favour and care he had of his grace, who had hastily allowed of this visitation before his departure to Scotland; whereby, as the bishop suggested to him, he might incur the danger of breaking an act of parliament, against which, as Winchester would insinuate, this visitation went. He pretended also these proceedings were against the late King Henry's honour, and the safety of the present sovereign. He acquainted also the protector, that in his said letters to the council, he touched lively, but truly, some acts of parliament, which, as he would pretend, these proceedings ran counter to. Whereof he gave some instances in a part of the letter which is published elsewhere. These were some transactions relating to him while he lay in the Fleet.

1555.

Acts and  
Monum.  
among  
Gardiner's  
letters.

But he was discharged out of the Fleet, and had his liberty to repair to his diocese, upon his promise of conformity. When he was now come to Winchester, he was very busy in setting forth matters that bred greater strife in that city and county than almost in all the nation beside. It was reported also to the protector, that he caused his servants to be harnessed; and when certain preachers were sent down from the council to preach in the cathedral and diocese, he would keep the pulpit and preach himself; warning the people to fly from such new preachers, and to embrace only the doctrine he preached to them.

The bi-  
shop's do-  
ings at  
Winches-  
ter.

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Sent for  
and se-  
questered  
from his  
diocese.

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Winches-  
ter preach-  
eth.

The people  
enraged at  
Winches-  
ter's ser-  
mon.

Sent to the  
Tower.

Upon this he was sent for again, and upon a second promise the council set him at liberty ; but to remain at London, sequestering him from his diocese for a time. Now again he fell to meddling in matters, wherein he had no commission, nor authority ; part whereof touched the king's majesty. Whereupon he was again admonished by the king and the lords. Then he offered before them to declare to the world his conformity, and promised to open his mind in sundry articles agreed upon ; and then, he said, that as his own conscience was well satisfied with the king's proceedings, so would he utter his conscience abroad to the satisfaction of others. But when he came to preach (which he did on St. Peter's Day, before the king) he spake things contrary to express commandment. And when he came to speak of the articles which were enjoined him to declare, he used such a manner of utterance, that had like to have caused a great tumult. And, speaking of certain great matters presently touching the policy of the realm, shewed himself a very seditious man ; as particularly advising that nothing should be altered during the king's minority.

The reason the council enjoined him to preach upon such particular subjects, and to forbear to speak of others, was because before the said sermon was preached, and at the time thereof (and as it happened long after) there was such controversy and variance in London, and many other places in the realm, about those matters of religion ; and the council was many times troubled with complaints of that nature. But Winchester, when he came to preach, instead of managing his discourse for the quelling and appeasing these popular jarrings and contests, the contention at the very time of his speaking grew so great, that if the king's majesty, and the lords of the council, had not been present, the people had plucked the bishop out of the pulpit, they were so offended with him ; as the Earl of Warwick then present testified.

Upon this sermon he was committed to the Tower,



and Sir Ralph Sadleir, and Hunnings, clerk of the council, sealed up certain doors of his house, which they thought convenient. 1555.

The council sent several messages to him, and the most honourable personages thereof often came themselves in person to persuade him to subscribe, and to comply with the king's proceedings. Once among the rest, when the bishop had said, thinking to enervate the king's doings in his minority, that if the king should pass away things now, which he should see prejudicial afterwards, he might reverse what he had done, and use therein the benefit of his young years : and added, that Mr. Secretary Peters would say as he did, being a learned civilian. Peters wisely replied (the master of the horse, the Earl of Warwick, and others then present) " My lord, I must say, that your saying in a common person is true ; but in the person of a king, I never read any such law ; and my opinion is (said he) that except a king in his tender and young years be bound to his doings as well as at full man's estate, it would be impossible to have that realm and state well governed." Whereunto the bishop said little.

Sir Wm.  
Peters his  
wise reply  
to Win-  
chester.

These troubles lasted with Winchester till the year 1551, when he was solemnly deprived by a sentence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, together with the consent and assent of the Bishops of London, Ely, Lincoln, Sir William Petre, Sir James Hale, Leyson and Oliver, doctors of the civil law ; Goodrick and Gosnald, Esquires, delegates and judges, by a commission from the king. And so he continued a prisoner in the Tower (and so a stirring, busy man laid aside) till the beginning of Queen Mary's reign, when his sun arose again, and appeared brighter than ever it did before. And now he had his opportunities of taking sufficient revenges upon the men, and the cause, which occasioned his sufferings ; and indeed he spared them not.

Deprived.

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Now this bishop was in his meridian, and all matters of the church, and the state too, passed through

The bishop  
appoints  
obsequies

1555.  
for the  
pope, de-  
ceased.

his hands. The pope dying the beginning of this year, 1555, to declare the devotion of this kingdom now to that chair of Rome, on the 10th of April, our bishop, now lord chancellor, signified the same by letter to Bonner, Bishop of London, and required that there should be solemn obsequies said for him throughout the realm; and also certain prayers, three in number, enclosed in the said letter, to be used at mass-times, in all places, during the vacation of the apostolical see; and that he should see it done in his diocese, and to send word to the rest of the bishops to have it done in theirs; and this by the king and queen's command. This letter and the prayers are extant in the Register of the Church of Canterbury, but they are also printed in Fox; and therefore I shall not here set them down; only Bishop Bonner's letters missive to the dean and chapter of Canterbury, in pursuance of the chancellor's letter, I shall, as it is in the foresaid register, being not yet made any where publick, as I know.

*“ Litteræ missivæ Episcopi Londinensis.*

The Bishop  
of Lon-  
don's letter  
hereupon.

“ After my right hartie commendations, I have received of late from my lord chancellor, letters of the tenor here inclosed; and desirous that you should have knowledge of the contents of the same, as I was earnestly and effectually requiried, I have sent these with the copy thereof unto you, to th' intent the matter therein expressed, may take that good effect in the diocess of Canterbury, and the peculiars of the same, the archiepiscopal see being vacant, which is required and looked for; and thus I commit you to God most well to fare.—At my house in London, this xi. of April, 1555.

Your loving frende, EDMOND, London.

“ To my loveing frends, the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury; and in their absence to their vicare-général, and deputies in this behalf, yeve this with spede.”

But the greatest point of all wherein the Bishop of Winton shewed his zeal to the pope and popery, appeared in his furious prosecution to blood, of all such as would not, or could not, truckle to it: the book of Acts and Monuments is an eternal monument of his cruelties towards abundance of poor innocent men. Nor are all his severities there recorded. A certain bishop unnamed, was made mention of by Robert Smith the martyr, in one of his examinations before Bonner. "This bishop (he said) had at that time an innocent man, a professor of the gospel, in his prison, who, when he overcame the bishop by scripture, made him privily to be tyed, and his flesh to be torn and plucked away with a pair of pincers: and after bringing him out before the people, said, 'Whether in jest or earnest, I cannot tell, that the rats had eaten him'." What bishop this was is not mentioned, but I know none more likely to be this tyrant than Winchester.

1555.  
Bp. Gardiner bloody.

p. 281.

Indeed it is strange to observe the brazen foreheads of the popish writers concerning this man: that notwithstanding he was so notoriously known to be the great instrument of burning and destroying so many professors, yet they represent him as a mild and merciful man, and greatly averse to shedding of blood, and an earnest intercessor with the supreme power, for saving the lives of such as the law condemned. These are Robert Parson's words: "If a man should ask any good-natured protestant, (*and very good-natured indeed he must be,*) that lived in Queen Mary's time, and had both wit to judge, and indifference to speak the truth without passion, he will confess, that no one great man in that government was further off from bloud and bloudiness, or from cruelty and revenge, than Bishop Gardiner; who was known to be a most tender-hearted and mild man in that behalf: insomuch that it was sometimes, and by some great personages, objected to him for no small fault, to be ever full of com-

Reported by writers to be mild and merciful.

Watchword, p. 41.



1555. passion in the office and charge that he then bore. Yea, to him it was imputed, that none of the greatest and most known protestants in Queen Mary's reign were ever called to account, or put to trouble for religion." Mark the marvellous confidence of the man, in endeavouring to face out a thing, the contrary to which was most notoriously known and severely felt. This indeed was one thing that rendered these popish bishops so abominably hated by all, that they not only brought so many to the most cruel death of burning, but besides that, exercised so many tortures and inventions of acute pains upon them. Some were whipped unmercifully, stretched upon the wrack, their hands burnt with candles put under; some set in the stocks, hands and feet, for many days and nights together; some thrown into dark and stinking dungeons; some had their bodies tortured by strange inventions; some pined away and starved in prison; and those that died in prison were denied Christian burial, and thrown out into the fields. And all these cruelties exercised upon them with mirth and sport.

His disease  
and death.

The bishop, of whom we have said so much, was cut off by death in the midst of all his worldly pomp and splendor, being taken first ill at dinner, the Duke of Norfolk then his guest. The disease, and the manner of his death, take from a letter wrote out of England to Mr. Bale, then an exile abroad. "That his disease was *hydrops acidus, et prodigiosa scabies* (I leave to physicians to English it) taken, as was commonly reported, by drinking or whoredom; for he had indulged much to both those vices in his life-time. In his sickness he stunk like a jakes; his breath not to be endured; his body distended, his eyes distorted and turned inwards; during his illness he spake little but blasphemy and filthiness, and gave up the ghost with curses in his mouth in terrible and unexpressible torments." He died very rich, worth 90,000 crowns. God gave him not his desire to out-

His eyes  
distorted  
and turned  
inwards.

live Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, his great antagonist, whose death no question he would have been glad to have seen. 1535.

Yet let me subjoin one or two things to his commendation. He affected learned domesticks, and countenanced learning in his family: he would take in young university men, such as were of good parts and great hopes; several of these so entertained by him, were afterwards bishops, as White and Brokes, and two were secretaries of state, and advanced to the honour of barons, and employed by the state in great embassies. One of these was Sir William Paget; to whom Leland thus writ: He encouraged learning in his family. Sir Wm. Paget.

“Tu Gardineri petiisti tecta disertis,  
Eloquii sedem, Pierique chori.”

Encomia.

That is, that being young, “he went into learned Gardiner’s family, which was the very seat of eloquence, and of the muses.” From his family, as he had been of his college of Trinity-hall in Cambridge, so he went to study in the university of Paris. And after some stay, returned again into the bishop’s house; and soon after became secretary of state. About this time he married a gentlewoman, named Preston, by whom he had several children. Then he was sent ambassador to France, then to the emperor; and grew very rich by being chancellor of the dutchy, and enjoying other advantages under King Edward. The other was Sir Thomas Wriothesly: having his grammar learning in London, where he was born, he was removed to Cambridge. I can tell little of his person or features, only, by Leland, I learn he was red-haired; for he speaks of his *auricomus vertex*. At first he was taken into some office belonging to the treasury; and now Sir Edmund Peckham, a privy counsellor, took notice of him. And when Gardiner went ambassador, he took him along with him. Afterwards he fell under the observation of Crumwel, who was delighted with his wit and dexterity. Then he went ambassador to Sir Thomas Wriothesly. Encomia.

1555. Holland and Flanders, to the emperor's sister, the Queen of Hungary; and after the Lord Audley's death, was advanced to be lord chancellor, and was the root of the noble family of the Earls of Southampton, lately extinct.

And thus did this bishop shew his favour to learning, by encouraging it in his own house. And long before, while he was a member of the university of Cambridge, he did a good piece of service to it: for being of some considerable influence there (perhaps reader of the civil law) he endeavoured to purge that study; and turned the minds of the students thereof from some of the Glossematarians: whereby he ran into the great offence of some, and had great contention about it; as Cheke, in one of his letters to that bishop, in the contest about pronouncing Greek, remembered him, and Leland praised him for, in these words:

p. 283.  
Enconia.

“ Tu certe, innumeris locis ad illum  
Leges, vel veterem labore grato,  
Splendorem revocas : docens vieta  
Tot glossemata, (opus recentiorum  
Scriptorum) ingeniis bonis obesse.”

Bonner  
bloody.

To this bloody bishop, I cannot but add here the mention of his brother, in cruelty, Bonner, Bishop of London; who therefore was ordinarily called, *The bloody butcher*, and the *common slaughterman*: and bringing so many very innocent holy men and women in London, Colchester, and elsewhere in his diocese, unto their ends, by burning, starving, and imprisonment, was most mortally hated by all honest men, as well as the friends and relations of the slain. These would sometimes sharpen their pens, and pelt at him with letters, wherein they freely expressed their minds towards him, and laid him open to himself and to the world. One of these letters, wherein he is not spared, is preserved in Fox's book, being writ by a woman upon his burning of Philpot. Ano-

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ther I have seen in MS. wrote this year in as sharp a style between the condemnation and burning of that holy man. 1555.

## CHAP. XXXVI.

Memorable notes of things occurring in the church and state, in the months of December, January, February and March. Cardinal Pole made Archbishop of Canterbury.

**B**UT now, by way of journal, we shall set down various events happening from December inclusive to the end of this year.

The Lord Cardinal Pole, on the first of December, was received with procession into Westminster Abbey; where eighteen bishops met him; and the Archbishop of York ministered with his mitre; and they went a procession about the church and the cloister. Perhaps it was now new founded and made a monastery again, and celebrated by this venerable presence. Cardinal Pole at the Abbey of Westminster.

The news now stirring at court may be understood by a clause or two of a letter, sent December 4, to the lord president of the council in the North, by Gargreve, a parliament man, and one of the council. News at court.

“ I trust the parliament will end this week: for now there the bill for *First-fruits* and *Tenths* is past the Commons House, I trust there is nothing else that will be any stay. It is said the king returns not until after Christmas; nor, as yet, I know not where the queen's grace will keep her Christmas. But at the end of the parliament, as I hear, she removeth to Greenwich. My Lord Archbishop of York hath not yet received his bulls from Rome: and he doth continue president in Wales, and no other there appointed. It is not yet known who shall be lord chancellor, lord privy seal, Bishop of Canterbury, nor Bishop of Winchester. My lord cardinal lyeth much at the court. It is said, that here are divers Epist. comit. Salop. in Offic. Ar-mor. p. 281.

1555. ill books cast by night in the city, that should be conveyed from beyond the seas ; but I have not seen any of them as yet. And thus trusting shortly to wait on your lordship, I humbly take my leave of the same ; beseeching our Lord God, long to preserve your good lordship in health, with much increase of honour. At Hogsdon this iv. December, 1555.

Your good lordship's humbly to command,

The commission for the subsidy  
bill comes forth immediately."

THO. GARGREVE.

Parliament  
dissolves.

On the 9th day was the parliament dissolved by the queen at her place at Whitehall ; and so she went back through the park to St. James's.

Sir An-  
thony  
Kingston  
in the  
Tower.

On the 10th, Sir Anthony Kingston, Knight Marshal, if I mistake not, and a busy member of the late parliament, was, upon some suspicion, had to the Tower. And several came after to the Fleet.

One taken  
at Paul's  
Cross, and  
carried  
away.

On the 15th of this month of December, before the sermon at Paul's Cross, began an old man, a shepherd, to speak certain things against the present religion and government ; which being looked upon as railing, he was taken and carried to the Counter for a time. For notwithstanding all this firing and pillorizing, so disgusted were the people with the present affairs, that they would sometimes utter their minds.

Philpot  
burnt.

The 18th of December was Mr. Philpot, Archdeacon of Winchester, carried to Smithfield, between 8 and 9 in the morning, to be burnt there for heresy.

A new lord  
chancellor  
and lord  
privy seal.

The news of filling two great places in the state, that had been vacant some considerable time, was reserved for New Year's Day ; namely, that of lord chancellor, void by the death of Bishop Gardiner ; and that of lord privy seal, by the death of the Earl of Bedford. Both conferred by the king ; to whom the queen and council had sent to nominate persons to succeed them ; for nothing seemed now to be done in the English court without him and his direc-

tion, though he were beyond sea. This news did the Earl of Pembroke send to the Earl of Shrewsbury, his brother-in-law, in these words: "These shall be to let you understand some news that we have had this morning; which is, that the king's majesty hath appointed the Bishop of York lord chancellor, and my Lord Paget lord privy seal. Other news here is none, saving we trust to see the king's majesty here shortly. From the court, this New Year's Day." 1555.

Jan. 14, came a letter from the queen and council to the lord mayor and sheriffs of London, to give substantial order, that when any be delivered to be burned, there be a good number of officers and others appointed to be at the execution; who may be charged to apprehend and commit to ward, all such as shall comfort, aid, or praise, those that are executed: and to charge all householders not to suffer any their servants to be abroad then, other than such as they will answer for. Number of officers to be at the execution of those that were burned. p. 285.

On the 27th day, between 7 and 8 in the morning, five men and two women went out of Newgate into Smithfield to be burnt for heresy; for now they began to burn them in companies: of the men, one was named Whittle, a priest, formerly living in Essex; and another was named Bartlet Green, a gentleman of the Inner Temple. One of the women was Joan Laishford or Warne, daughter to a man and a woman formerly burnt. They were all burnt by nine of the clock at three posts. And though there was a commandment given through London over night, in obedience to the late order of council, that no young folks should come there, yet there appeared at this execution the greatest numbers as had been seen upon such an occasion. Seven burned.

And indeed by the sight of these burnings, many who came only out of curiosity to behold, were so wrought upon, by observing how cheerfully and These persecutions beget protestants.



1555. christianly they took their deaths, and that they were generally the best sort of people, that they began to consider more narrowly their tenets and doctrines. And hence, at last, it came to pass, that they not only abhorred such bloodiness, but disliked the religion that practised it, and became better reconciled unto the profession of the gospel: so that many who in the beginning of Queen Mary's days were papists, died for the protestant religion afterwards. Of this sort was Tankerfield, who was burnt the last summer. And it was thought, that many thousands became embracers of the gospel, since the beginning of the persecution, which was not above a year ago: so much out were the queen's *politicians*; reckoning, by these courses, to suppress the religion. According to what an unknown person wrote to the Bishop of London soon after the execution of Philpot the last month: "That as for the obtaining of his popish purpose in suppressing of the truth, he put him out of doubt he should not obtain it so long as he went this way to work; and that he verily believed they had lost the hearts of twenty thousand that were rank papists, within this twelvemonth."

A priest  
does pe-  
nance.

February the 8th, Mr. Peryn, a black friar, preached at Paul's Cross. At whose sermon, a priest, named Sir Thomas Sampson, did penance, standing before the preacher with a sheet about him, and a taper in his hand burning; the lord mayor, the aldermen, and many other worshipful persons present. This man's crime was, that he had two wives, and one was enough to make him do penance.

Bishop of  
Winches-  
ter's corpse  
carried to  
Winches-  
ter.

On the 24th of this month were the obsequies of the Bishop of Winchester, lately deceased, which were celebrated after this manner: In the afternoon began the knell at St. Mary Overy's, and ringing. After that began the dirge. A pall of cloth of gold, and two white branches, and two dozen of staff-torches burning, and four great tapers. The Lord

Mountague the chief mourner, and the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, Sir Robert Rochester, comptroller, and divers other attendants, in black; and many black gowns and coats; and the morrow-mass of *Requiem* and offering done, began the sermon. And so mass being done, all repaired to a dinner at the Lord Mountague's. At the gate the corpse was put into a waggon with four horses, all covered with black: over the corpse his picture made, with his mitre on his head with his arms, and five gentlemen bearing his five banners; an hundred in gowns and hoods; then two heralds in their coat armour, Mr. Garter and Rouge Cross; then came the men riding, carrying of torches burning, in number sixty, about the corpse all the way; then came the mourners in gowns and coats, to the number of two hundred, afore and behind, and censing. And there they had a great torch given them. And so through every parish till they came to Winchester; and as many as came to meet them had money given them: and a dirge and mass at every lodging.

1555.

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March 4, execution was had upon a young man, whose name, indeed, was Fetherstone, of whom we heard before, giving himself out to be King Edw. VI. whose sayings and pretences had occasioned many men and women to be punished. He was hanged, drawn, and quartered: his head was set upon London Bridge the fifth day, and his quarters buried.

The pre-  
tended K.  
Edward  
executed.

On the fifth day of March, were celebrated the obsequies of the Bishop of Peterborough; there buried with a goodly herse, adorned with arms and pennsils; two white branches, and eight dozen of staves, with an herald of arms and five banners; and an hundred in black gowns and coats, and a great many poor men in gowns; together with the morrow-mass; and after, a great dinner. His name was John Chambers, the last Abbot of Peterborough, and the first bishop there.

Bishop of  
Peterbo-  
rough, his  
obsequies.

1555.

A blazing  
star.

On the 7th, a blazing star, at night, appeared : it shot out fire, to the great wonder and astonishment of the people, and continued certain nights. Whatsoever it imported, a great mortality by burning *fevers* followed, and took off a great number of persons of the best quality, in the city and other places ; and also a great dearth of provisions, especially of corn, insomuch that many died by famine.

A man  
doth pe-  
nance.

On the 8th day, while a doctor preached at the Cross, a man did penance for transgressing Lent, holding two pigs, ready drest, whereof one was upon his head, having brought them to sell.

One in the  
pillory.

On the 14th, one was set in the pillory for seditious words and rumours, and counsels against the queen's majesty.

Many sent  
to the  
Tower.

On the 18th, were divers gentlemen carried to the Tower, by certain of the guard, viz. John Throgmorton, Harry Peckham, Bethel, Turner, Hygins, Daniel, Smith (a merchant), Heneage (of the Chapel), George the Searcher (of Gravesend), Hodges, Spencer, the two Rawlinses, and Rosey (keeper of the Star-chamber) ; Dethyck, and divers others of quality : being taken up upon a plot of rising against the queen, which one of the party, named White, had discovered.

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Pole con-  
secrated  
Archbp.  
of Canter-  
bury.

On the 22d of this month of March, at the Grey Friars of Greenwich, was the Lord Cardinal Pole consecrated Archbishop of Canterbury, by seven bishops mitred. The ceremony performed here, to fasten the greater honour upon this new-founded religious house, which in Henry VIII. his time had shewed itself so staunch for the pope, and Queen Katharine, the queen's mother.

For as this year had carried off the great popish prelate, Gardiner, so a few months after it raised another, greater than he ; for in the conclusion of the year was Pole, the legate and cardinal, consecrated, as before was said. For though he lived at the Palace of Lambeth, and managed, in the supremest



station, the matters of the church, yet was he not 1555.  
Archbishop of Canterbury till the day after Arch-  
bishop Cranmer was dead. The first instrument ex-  
emplified in his Register is Pope Paul's, but of pro-  
vision, for allowance of the cardinal to be archbishop.

The next instrument is his consecration; which on Registr.  
Card. Poli.  
Sunday, commonly called Passion Sunday, March 22,  
1555, in the second and third years of Philip and  
Mary, was performed in the Conventual Church of  
the Friars Minors of the Observance of the Order of  
St. Francis of Greenwich, by Nicolas Archbishop of  
York, Primate of England, and Legate of the Aposto-  
lic See, and Lord Chancellor of England, assisted  
with these bishops following :

Edm. Bonner,	Bishop of	London.
Tho. Thurleby,	. . . . .	Ely.
Rich. Pates,	. . . . .	Wigorn.
John White,	. . . . .	Lincoln.
Maurice Griffith,	. . . . .	Roff.
Tho. Goldwel,	. . . . .	St. Asaph.

“ By the authority of the apostolic brief, under the  
seal of the Fisher, to the most Reverend Father in  
Christ, and Lord Reginald by the divine miseration  
Priest Cardinal of St. Mary in Cosmedin,” &c. as the  
pope's letter ran. This was read openly by David  
Pole, LL. D. Archdeacon of Derby. The said arch-  
bishop took his oath to the pope in the parlour,  
Queen Mary being present, and looking on. The  
Archbishop of York said mass in the said conven-  
tual church, at the high altar, the queen hearing;  
these persons also present: William Marquis of Win-  
chester, Lord Treasurer; Henry Earl of Arundel,  
Lord High Steward of the Household; William Lord  
Paget, Lord Privy Seal; William Earl of Pembroke;  
William (Henry) Earl of Essex; Robert Rochester,  
Knt. Comptroller of the Household; privy counsel-  
lors: Thomas Lord Fitzwaters; William Cook,  
LL. D. Keeper or Commissary of the Prerogative  
Court of Canterbury; and in the presence of An-

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thony Huse, Principal Register, and other publick notaries.

Robert Collins, his Commissary, and Canon of Christ Church, Canterbury, was his proxy, and installed for him.

The cardinal goes  
to Bow  
Church.

March 25, being the Annunciation of our blessed Lady, Bow Church, in London, was hanged with cloth of gold, and with rich Arras, and laid with cushions, for the coming of the Lord Cardinal Pole. There did the Bishop of Worcester sing the mass mitred: divers bishops present; as, the Bishops of Ely, of London, and Lincoln; also the Earl of Pembroke, Sir Edw. Hastings, the Master of the Horse, and divers other nobles. And after mass done, they went to dinner together, as it seems, to the Bishop of London's.

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The queen's  
bounty to  
the cardinal.

To qualify the cardinal the better to live in the port of a cardinal, as well as of an archbishop, besides the revenues of the archbishoprick, the queen gave him these several estates, being her manors and principal farms in Kent, viz.

	Per Annum.		
	£.	s.	d.
The scite and manor of Charing, which, with the farms and rents of assize, was worth . . . . .	60	14	2 <i>q.</i>
Shoram . . . . .	20	19	3
Wald, alias Penshurst . . . . .	18	8	4
Chevening . . . . .	13	9	10 <i>obq.</i>
Fee-farm of Wrotham . . . . .	46	10	6 <i>di. q.</i>
The scite of the manor of Bexley; divers woods there, &c. . . . .	58	8	6
Divers lands in the Isle De Greyne (an isle lying on the west-end of the Isle of Shepey) and certain lands in the marshes there . . .	22	6	11
Otford, lands there . . . . .	86	10	3 <i>ob.</i>
Fee-farm of Sonrige (Sundridge) .			
Certain lands in Shoreham, a mill, a park . . . . .			

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Forest of South-Frith (which forest lieth a mile south of Tunbridge), with the woods growing, as well in the forest as in the postern, North Frith, Redmore, and Le Trench lands; the rents in all	500 0 0
The rectory of Kemsing and Seal	9 13 4

£.	s.	d.
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All these in Kent, besides many other lands and lordships in other counties, given him to uphold his estate; but all these revenues came into the crown under Queen Elizabeth.

And that I may here mention together the favours and honours done the cardinal, in November he became Chancellor of the University of Oxford: for by the direction, as it seems, of the queen (who studied to heap upon him all the respects she could), Sir John Mason, in October, resigned that office, to make way for Pole, to be chosen in his room; who accordingly was so, the instrument thereof being dated November 2, in the House of the Congregation of that university. And by his means, now Oxford's Chancellor, I make no doubt it was, that Petrus à Soto, a Spaniard, was nominated to be one of the publick Professors of Divinity, together with another Spaniard, called Johannes à Garcia. The papists made this observation from his name Peter, that he succeeded another Peter, namely, Peter Martyr (though there was one between them, Dr. Richard Smith, who succeeded immediately to Martyr), and that the university was restored to what it had been by Peter à Soto's readings; who was, they said, in the opinion of all, much preferable to his namesake Peter Martyr. This Peter had been confessor to the Emperor Charles V.; afterwards was placed at Diling, whither he retired, and was there set over the college of the Cardinal of Ausburgh, to instruct the German youth in learning and piety. Peter was

He is made  
Chancellor  
of Oxford.

Petrus à  
Soto pro-  
fessor  
there.



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well known to Cardinal Pole, and by him (when the pope had sent the said cardinal into England upon Queen Mary's access to the crown) had been sent to the emperor, to exhort and desire him that he would not let the said cardinal's message (by staying him) lie any longer neglected, which was undertaken by him for the sake of religion and peace.

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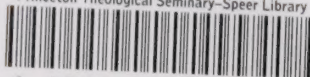






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